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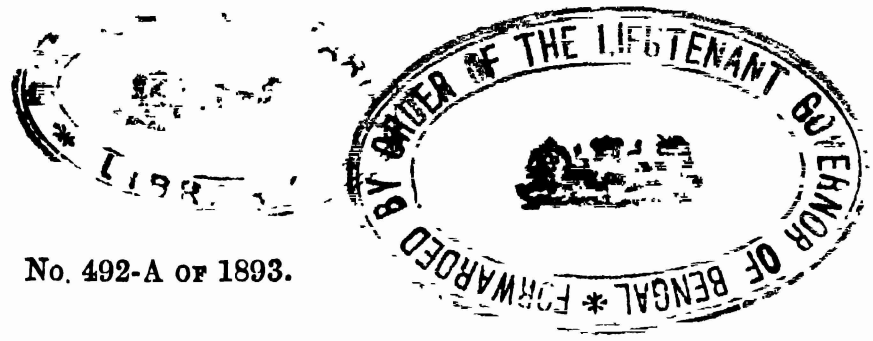

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From

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To

The SECRETARY for BERAR to the RESIDENT,

Hyderabad.

Dated Amraoti, 22nd March 1893.

Sir,

Submission of report.

I have the honor to submit the annual report on the administration of civil justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year 1892, together with the prescribed returns, and the district and small cause court reports in original.

District reports.

2. The district reports and returns were received punctually on the prescribed dates, and were in accordance with the instructions issued at the close of the year in Hyderabad Assigned Districts High Court Circular No. 4 of 1892.

Tribunals.

3. The number of courts actually open at the close of the year 1892 as contrasted with those open at the close of 1891 is given in the following table No. I :—

Table I.

Officers.	1892.	1891.
Judicial Commissioner of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts ...	1	1
Civil and Sessions Judge do ...	2	1
Deputy Commissioners	3	4
Civil Judges	5	5
Assistant Commissioners	8	5
Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	12	12
Attachés	2	2
Tahsildars	1	1
Naib Tahsildars	4	4
Small Cause Court Judges	5	5
	43	40

4. The difference between the two years is accounted for as follows :—

The appointment of Mr. Nicholetts as an Additional Civil and Sessions Judge, to clear off some arrears of civil appeals in the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court, as a temporary arrangement, which came into effect only on the 7th of December of the year. The arrears were due chiefly to the great increase of the number of sessions cases and partly to the closing of the court during transfers of officers.

The appointment of Messrs. Horsbrugh, Mauduit and Haig to the Commission, which increased the number without adding much to the strength of the staff, as until they have passed their examination they cannot be of much use in the disposal of cases. The Deputy Commissioners of Amraoti and Akola and Wun are excluded from the return, as they do neither appellate nor original work. The appellate work of the Deputy Commissioner of Wun was transfer-

red in June last to the Civil and Sessions Judge at Amraoti; but I do not consider that the arrangement is altogether satisfactory, and I would recommend that the Deputy Commissioner should again be allowed to exercise his civil appellate powers in Wun.

5. I should prefer to see all the Deputy Commissioners, except those of Amraoti and Akola, exercising their civil appellate powers, and I do not think that this would give them more work than they could well do; and it would bring the number of appeals to the Civil and Sessions Judge to more reasonable dimensions, and prevent him from being overwhelmed, as he has been this year. I should also like to see one civil judge in each district for original work free from any magisterial duties. With the small cause courts now existing, this is, I think, as much as we can expect to do in the direction of separating the judicial from the executive branches, and I think, when the newly-recruited officers of the Commission have passed their examinations, this arrangement would be quite feasible with the existing staff, without throwing more work on any of the remaining officers than they can do. The number of officers is quite sufficient: what we require is a more systematic distribution of work. These remarks are subject to what I have to say later on the necessity of an additional Civil and Sessions Judge for appellate work.

PART I.—ORIGINAL COURTS.

A.—*Institution of Suits.*

Suits instituted, disposed of, and pending.

6. The following statement shows the number of suits instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past two years :—

TABLE II.

District and Small Cause Courts.	Instituted.		For disposal.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Districts.								
Akola	2,011	2,127	2,428	2,431	2,157	2,112	271	319
Buldana ..	4,184	4,904	4,415	5,469	3,975	4,979	440	490
Basim ...	3,041	3,658	3,350	4,163	3,007	3,969	343	194
Amraoti ...	2,309	2,499	3,815	3,577	3,053	2,817	762	760
Ellichpur ...	2,263	2,706	2,811	3,679	1,903	2,955	908	724
Wun	1,819	2,255	2,142	2,523	1,949	2,114	193	409
Small Cause Courts.								
Akola	1,517	1,697	1,834	1,828	1,746	1,759	88	69
Khamgaon ...	553	726	615	816	526	725	89	91
Telhara ...	1,750	2,053	1,788	2,148	1,700	1,918	88	230
Amraoti .	1,980	2,345	2,305	2,819	1,777	2,634	528	185
Badnera ...	1,163	1,238	1,311	1,702	935	1,667	376	35
Total...	22,590	26,208	26,814	31,155	22,728	27,649	4,086	3,506

Remarks on the above.

7. Including 4,086 suits pending at the close of 1891, and 862 re-admitted cases, the total number for disposal in 1892 was 31,155, or 16·2 per cent. in excess of the previous year. Of this number 27,649, or equivalent to 88·7 per cent., were disposed of during the year, leaving 3,506 or 11·3 per cent. pending at the close. The increase is general in every district, and none of the district officers have been able to assign it to any special cause. But, the greater the facilities for disposal of suits the more institution follow, appears to be considered as a rule of com-

mon application. The number of disposals exceeds that of 1891 by nearly 5,000, and is in excess of the full number of institutions, which shows that the courts worked with great regularity and steadiness, and the public had reason to be well satisfied with the despatch of their business by the courts. I shall reserve my remarks on the increase to the next table showing the detailed and comparative returns.

Number of suits instituted.

8. The following statement gives the number of suits instituted in the civil courts of the province in each of the last six years :—

TABLE III.

Name of district	1887. No of suits institu-ted.	1888. No. of suits institu-ted.	1889. No of suits institu-ted.	1890. No. of suits institu-ted.	1891. No. of suits institu-ted.	Average of 5 years.	1892. No. of suits institu-ted	Increase or decrease on 5 years' average.	Percentage of increase or decrease on 5 years' average.	Increase or decrease on last year's figures.	Percentage of increase or decrease on last year's figures.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Akola ...	3,965	3,607	4,197	2,303	2,011	3216·6	2,127	—1,089	33·9	+ 116	5·8
Buldana ...	3,055	4,935	4,034	4,854	4,184	4212·4	4,904	+ 692	16·4	+ 720	17·2
Basim ...	2,513	2,751	2,958	3,258	3,041	2904·2	3,658	+ 754	26·	+ 617	20·3
Amraoti ..	2,762	3,795	3,090	2,397	2,309	2870·6	2,499	— 371	12·9	+ 190	8·2
Ellichpur...	3,490	3,258	3,591	3,332	2,263	3186·8	2,706	— 480	15·1	+ 443	19·6
Wun ..	2,284	2,711	2,010	2,148	1,819	2194·4	2,255	+ 61	2·8	+ 436	24·
SMALL CAUSE COURTS.											
Akola ...	1,871	1,727	1,948	1,555	1,517	1723·6	1,697	— 26	1·5	+ 180	11·9
Khamgaon	997	947	697	540	553	746·8	726	— 20	2·7	+ 173	31·3
Telhara ..	...	...	...	1,713	1,750	1731·5	2,053	+ 322	18·6	+ 303	17·3
Amraoti ..	3,554	3,243	2,908	2,283	1,980	2793·6	2,345	— 448	16·	+ 365	18·4
Badnera ..	...	...	343	1,371	1,163	959·	1,238	+ 279	29·1	+ 75	6·4
Total ..	24,491	26,974	25,776	25,754	22,590	25117·	26,208	— 331	1·2	+3,618	16·

Increase of litigation.

9. The course of litigation for the six years ending with 1892 is shown in the above table.

It shows that the number of institutions, which had been falling steadily since 1888, the year in which it was highest, till 1891, when it was lowest, has suddenly risen almost to the highest level, and is above the average of the last five years by 1,091 cases, and shows an increase of 3,618 cases, or 16 per cent. over the figures of 1891.

The following districts and courts show an increase of over 10 per cent. :—

Name of district.	Percentage of increase over 1891.
Wun District...	24·0
Basim do.	20·0
Ellichpur do.	19·0
Buldana do.	17·0
Khamgaon Small Cause Court	31·3
Amraoti do.	18·4
Telhara do.	17·3
Akola do.	11·9

Cause of increase.

10. No very satisfactory explanation of the increase is given by the district officers, the general opinion being that increased litigation follows upon punctual disposal of business by the courts.

The investment of powers under the Small Cause Courts Act is also calculated to increase the institutions in courts, but these are scarcely sufficient to account for the sudden and general rise of 16 per cent. all over the pro-

vince. There appears to have been rather some cause at work which led to a falling-off in institutions after the introduction of the Hyderabad Courts Law in 1889, and the return to the higher figures is perhaps the natural course of litigation. In 1885 the figures correspond very closely with those of 1891, while those of 1886 are little below those of 1892. It would appear therefore as if there was some actual and definite reason for a periodical ebb and flow of litigation, which would be naturally connected with the term for which bonds are entered into and their renewal. The starting point would of course depend a good deal on agricultural prosperity or depression in a country like Berar ; and once a course of indebtedness is traced to a certain year, the litigation consequent on it would depend largely on the law of limitation in regard to suits on contracts in writing, and the system of renewal in vogue in the province. I think it is far more likely that the rise and fall in institutions is due to some such natural law, than to the supposed encouragement of litigation by the presence of courts of law. My opinion therefore is that the rise in the past year is due almost entirely to natural causes which have governed the course of litigation in past years, and not to any special reason, such as has been suggested in some of the district reports.

Fluctuations noticed.

11. The following figures may serve to illustrate what appears to me to show a natural tendency of increase and decrease in these returns :—

	Total suits.		Total suits.
1881 ...	22,101	1887 ...	24,491
1882 ...	27,032	1888 ...	26,974
1883 ...	23,147	1889 ...	25,776
1884 ...	22,899	1890 ...	25,754
1885 ...	22,775	1891 ...	22,590
1886 ...	25,970	1892 ...	26,208

In 1881 the low figures of institution are followed by a singular rise in 1882. In 1885 the figures are again very low, and are followed by a great rise in 1886, and in 1891 the fall is emphasized by the increase in 1892. This, I think, is sufficient to indicate that there is nothing unusual in the increase of the year 1892.

B.—*Classification of Suits.*

Suits classified.

12. The following is a classified statement of the suits instituted during the past two years :—

TABLE IV.

	Description of suits.	1891. Number of suits.	1891. Percentage of suits.	1892. Number of suits.	1892. Percentage of suits.	Increase or decrease in number of suits, i.e., in columns 2 and 3.	Percentage of increase or decrease
Suits for money or moveables.	Contracts in writing	12,425	54·9	14,197	54·2	+ 1,772	14·2
	Do. not in writing ...	2,672	11·8	2,892	11·	+ 220	8·2
	On account stated	3,093	13·7	4,022	15·3	+ 929	30·
	Money had and received ...	236	1·	47	·2	— 189	80·1
	Goods sold...	258	1·1	185	·7	— 73	28·
	Wages, work and materials ...	168	·7	142	·6	— 26	15·1
	Rent not falling under rent law ...	151	·7	141	·5	— 10	6·6
	Moveable property or its value ...	397	·8	525	·2	+ 128	32·2
	Damages	120	·5	129	·5	+ 9	7·5
	Other suits for money or moveables not already mentioned ...	202	·9	241	·9	+ 39	19·3
Title or other suits.	Suits relating to marriage ...	92	·5	83	·3	— 9	9·8
	Do. immoveable property ...	2,542	11·4	3,354	12·8	+ 812	31·9
	Other suits	234	1·	250	1·	+ 16	6·8
	Total ...	22,590	100	26,208	100	+ 3,618	16

The classification of suits given in the above table shows but little variation in the percentage of each class; the increase in numbers follows only on the general increase.

Suits for money or moveables.

13. In suits for money and moveable property there is an increase of 2 per cent. on account stated, and there is a slight falling-off in suits for money lent and goods sold; but this is perhaps scarcely sufficient to warrant any deduction that taking written security is becoming more necessary, the fact being that for years past acknowledgments in writing have been recognized in Berar as the safest form of agreement.

Description of suits instituted.

14 The reports of the district officers show that they have endeavoured to comply with the orders conveyed in paragraph 3 of the review on last year's report in regard to this matter, and Mr. Elliott, the Deputy Commissioner of Wun, has noted the tendency of courts to decree interest as a matter of course in suits for money on account stated, a tendency which should be brought to the notice of judges of civil courts as likely to encourage the evasion of the stamp law. Colonel Gunthorpe has also given some details of the classes of bonds on which suits in Amraoti are brought, which give an idea of the extortionate method of money-lending on high interest.

I have been much struck by the high interest charged even on loans secured by immoveable property in Berar, but in a country where land is so plentiful and easy to acquire, the security is perhaps not so good as it seems.

Title and other suits.

15. Title suits have increased by 1·4 per cent., and this may be due in some measure to the impending settlement survey operations: and Colonel Szczepanski has remarked on the cause of increase as being due to the difficulty of recovering money on land which has not been specifically hypothecated. This is a tendency which is due solely to the operation of the law in regard to ancestral property.

There appear to be a good many cases arising out of marriages: the customs in Berar appear to favor the dissolution of marriages among the agricultural classes, but the title to property is hotly contested in such cases, and is considered of more importance than the restitution of marital rights.

Rights in revenue survey fields.

16. Litigation regarding survey numbers is given in Provincial Statement No. VII, and need not be reprinted It shows a rise of 10 per cent. over the figures of 1891, but is considerably less than in 1890. Considering the fact that survey operations are in progress, this is a satisfactory evidence of the existing state of the records, and calls for no special remark.

C.—*Value and Costs of Suits.*

Value of suits instituted.

17. The relative values of suits instituted in 1892 are shown in table V and contrasted with the figures for the preceding year :—

TABLE V.

Grades of value.	1891.		1892.		Increase or decrease in suits.	Percentage of increase or decrease.
	Number of suits instituted.	Percentage on total.	Number of suits instituted.	Percentage on total.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ..	1,521	6·8	1,515	— 5 8	— 6	·4
Do. 50 ...	10,155	— 45·0	11,559	+ 44 1	+ 1,404	13·8
Do. 100 ...	4,854	— 21·4	5,643	+ 21·5	+ 789	16·3
Do. 500 ...	4,723	— 20·9	5,950	+ 22·7	+ 1,227	26·0
Do. 1,000 ...	483	— 2·1	631	+ 2·4	+ 148	30·6
Over 1,000 ..	234	— 1·1	374	+ 1·4	+ 140	59 8
Number of suits the value of which cannot be fixed.	620	— 2·7	536	+ 2·1	— 84	13 5
Total ..	22,590	100	26,208	100	+ 3,618	16 0

18. The relative value of the suits instituted shows no material changes. Suits not exceeding Rs. 10 have slightly decreased, while suits below Rs. 500 generally have increased. The bulk of the litigation is of a petty nature, and is chiefly connected with agricultural loans of a small amount.

Variations in value.

D.—*Disposal of Original Suits.*

19. The general results of the trials of the suits are shown in table VI :—

Suits disposed of.

TABLE VI.

Results	Number of suits.	Proportion in 1892.	Corresponding proportion in years.				
			1891.	1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.
Plaints rejected or returned ..	121	·4	·7	·7	·5	·3	·3
(*a*) Disposed of without contest—							
Dismissed for default ...	2,373	8·6	8·7	7·4	7·6	6·2	7·1
Withdrawn with leave	318	1·2	1·4	1·5	1·4	1·4	1·7
Compromised ...	4,036	14·6	15·	16·2	14·	12·9	12·7
Decreed on confession ...	7,123	25·8	27·3	28·	29·5	32·4	30·6
Decreed *ex parte*	6,288	22·8	19·6	19·1	21·5	20·7	19·2
Dismissed *ex parte* ...	310	1·1	1·1	·9	·8	·9	·1
Total uncontested ..	20,569	74·4	73·8	73·8	75·3	74·8	72·6
(*b*) Contested and judgment given for Plaintiff in whole or in part ...	5,453	19·7	20·	20·	19·5	19·6	21·5
Defendant in whole... ..	1,528	5·5	5·9	5·8	4·8	4·8	5·6
Total contested ...	6,981	25·2	25·9	25·8	24·3	24·8	27·1
By arbitration	99	·3	·3	·4	·4	·4	·3
Grand Total ..	27,649	100	100	100	100	100	100

20. The total number of suits disposed of during the year was 27,649, leaving a pending file of 3,506. This compares well with the figures of 1891, which showed 22,728 disposed of and a pending file of 4,086 at the close of the year. The only districts which show a large pending file are Ellichpur and Wun, and to some extent Amraoti, but this last district has brought its figure down from 1,666 at the close of 1891 to 980 in 1892 ; while in Ellichpur and Wun the number has considerably increased, owing chiefly to transfer of officers at the end of the year.

Number disposed of and pending.

21. The percentage of contested suits is 25·2 as compared with 25·9. The slight decrease is perhaps the necessary consequence of the increase in the suits on written obligations and acknowledgments. The number of *ex parte* decrees is 6,288, or 22·8 per cent., which is slightly higher than last year, but still is low as compared with other parts of India. I have had no reason to doubt that the evidence of service of summonses has been treated carelessly, and the district reports show that attention is paid to this point.

Contested cases and *ex parte* decrees.

22. The Ellichpur district has been worked under peculiar difficulties during the past year, owing to the transfer of officers, and I think that much credit is due to Mr. MacGill for the out-turn of work which is shown. In 1891 the disposals were shown to be only 67 per cent., or only 1,903 out of 2,811, leaving a pending file of 908 cases at the close. In 1892 the file for disposal

Disposal of civil business in Ellichpur.

including the arrears, was 3,684, of which 2,955 were disposed of, leaving 724 pending. I regret, however, to find that a good many of the cases pending in the court of the Civil Judge are old cases, and it will take a good deal of steady work to reduce the file to proper dimensions. Still I trust that the progress made in the face of considerable difficulties in this district will be regarded as satisfactory.

Pending cases in Wun

23. In Wun the arrears are chiefly due to the changes of the staff at the close of the year, and partly, I think, to the fact that Mr. Price, the Civil Judge, is a slow, though careful, worker. They are not, however, so large as to present any difficulty in their disposal by the existing staff.

Arrears in the Amraoti district.

24. In Amraoti the re-opening of the Badnera Court has facilitated the disposal of cases, and the large staff which Colonel Gunthorpe has had has been able to make a considerable impression on the heavy file of arrears at the close of 1891. Still, however, there are more old cases than there should be, though it is satisfactory that there are only 376 cases over three months' standing as compared with 681 last year.

The worst feature in these arrears is perhaps the heavy file of the Civil Judge, which has increased. Mr. Bapat, however, has been in bad health, and the cases have been very difficult and complicated. Sustained efforts on the part of the Amraoti officers will however this year, I hope, reduce the file.

Disposal of work in the other districts.

25. In Akola, Basim and Buldana the state of the work is satisfactory and requires no remarks. It is Amraoti especially which requires, in my opinion, some scheme of separation of the judicial from the executive branches. The work is always heavy in this district, and if cases are interrupted it is difficult to recover lost time. I should like to see the Civil Judge and the two Judges of the Small Cause Courts able to devote their time entirely to civil work.

Average duration.

26. The following statement gives the average duration of contested and uncontested cases for each district :—

TABLE VII.

Districts.	1891.		1892.	
	Average duration of cases			
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
Akola	93·8	36·4	100·8	41·2
Buldana	63·	28 3	70·7	43·
Basim	64·5	34·2	89·2	40·2
Amraoti	181·4	81·6	171·4	84·2
Ellichpur	162·2	99·3	142·1	94·6
Wun	88·8	42·9	102·9	59·9

Comments on high duration in some of the districts.

27. The average duration of cases has slightly risen. That of contested cases has risen from 114·7 days to 119·8, and of uncontested from 51·4 to 58·7. These figures are too high, and I have had occasion several times to notice the unnecessary adjournments and delays which have occurred in the disposal of cases. It is exceedingly difficult to bring home a fault of this kind, when the time officers have for disposal of cases is so much subject to interruption by miscellaneous and varied duties. When the officers presiding over civil courts are liable to be called on to perform the duties of a magistrate disposing of urgent criminal work, or the peremptory demands of a treasury, or the exigencies of a revenue enquiry, it is impossible to lay down a hard-and-fast rule, but it should

be our aim, I think, to provide at least one principal civil court and one court of small causes in each district which is not liable to such interruptions. Another cause of high duration is of course frequent transfers of officers. This is at times unavoidable; but whenever necessary it should be carried out with due regard to the work in hand. It will be seen at once that the lowest duration in contested cases is in Buldana and Basim, where there have been the fewest changes, while in Ellichpur the high duration of both contested and uncontested cases is no doubt due to the constant change of officers to which that district has been subjected during the past year. In Amraoti the high duration is due to the heavy pending file at the close of last year. A good deal of the delay in deciding cases is no doubt due to a want of firmness on the part of presiding officers shown by granting adjournment for insufficient reasons; and a want of system in preparing their calendar of cases for hearing. I hope that an effort will be made this year to improve this defect, to which I have called attention when inspecting offices and at other times. The district officers are, I think, alive to the necessity of avoiding unnecessary delay in the hearing of cases, but the tendency to increase in the duration is one that they should steadily resist by careful inspection of current work. Some officers have especially come to my notice as being apt to postpone cases for insufficient reasons, and I have brought this fault to their notice. I do not think it necessary to mention their names in this report, but unless an improvement is apparent in their work it will be necessary to bring them to the notice of the Resident before long.

Value and costs of suits disposed of.

28. The following table shows the value and costs of the suits disposed of during the year under report :—

TABLE VIII.

Grades of value.	No. of suits disposed of.	Aggregate value of suits.	Aggregate costs of suits	Average value of suits.	Average costs of suits.	Percentage of costs to value.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	1,610	11,995 9 6	4,803 15 11	7 9 0	2 15 8	40·
Do 50 ...	12,084	3,48,832 2 0	69,212 14 0	29 7 2	5 11 7	19·8
Do 100 ...	5,866	3,95,737 2 5	63,1 4 10 10	69 6 1	10 12 3	16·
Do 500 ..	6,310	12,09,320 8 10	1,65,225 9 6	199 10 6	26 13 1	13·6
Do 1,000 ..	712	4,37,313 0 2	55,570 5 5	654 10 7	78 0 9	12·7
Do 5,000 ...	361	5,95,740 11 8	62,661 1 4	1,778 5 3	173 9 2	10 5
Do 10,000 ...	20	1,42,743 9 5	13,383 9 5	7,930 3 2	679 2 10	9·4
Exceeding Rs. 10,000 ...	6	1,80,587 9 0	9,691 2 8	30,097 14 10	1,615 3 1	5·1
Suits of which value cannot be fixed.	680	...	14,685 15 2	...	21 9 6	...
Total ..	27,649	33,22,270 5 0	4,58,389 4 3	126 15 3	16 9 3	13·8
Miscellaneous cases ..	3,629	...	13,415 15 3	...	3 11 2	...
Grand Total ... 1892 ...	31,278	33,22,270 5 0	4,71,805 3 6	126 15 3	15 0 9	14·2
Grand Total ... 1891 ...	22,728	25,16,013 4 4	3,66,225 6 2	117 6 7	16 1 10	14·6

Average value and costs of suits.

29. The aggregate value of suits was Rs. 33,22,270 as compared with Rs. 25,16,013 in 1891. The average value has risen from Rs. 117-6-7 to Rs. 126-15-3. The increase in the number of suits of course accounts for the rise in the aggregate value, and the increase in the average is due to the fact that there was a proportionate increase in the number of suits of large values. The table above given shows the costs and their incidence on the subject matter.

Process and court fees.

30. The following table shows the income on account of process fees during the past two years:—

TABLE IX.

Districts.	Court fees. 1891.	Court fees. 1892.	Difference.	Process fees. 1891.	Process fees. 1892.	Difference.	Cost of establishment. 1891.	Cost of establishment. 1892.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Akola	32,982 15	42,121 3	+ 9,138 4	13,009 3	13,101 10	+ 92 7	5,063 6	4,857 8
Buldana ...	37,861 15	45,996 9	+ 8,134 10	11,937 0	14,891 6	+2,954 6	9,192 12	9,177 4
Basim ...	22,485 2	32,694 0	+10,208 14	7,458 15	9,675 2	+2,216 3	7,261 4	7,148 15
Amraoti ...	40,665 9	50,826 14	+10,161 5	14,090 2	16,045 4	+1,955 2	8,451 1	8,385 1
Ellichpur ...	25,956 12	32,780 15	+ 6,824 3	10,787 5	11,544 14	+ 757 9	7,788 1	7,793 7
Wun ...	25,509 7	27,723 15	+ 2,214 8	8,824 12	9,880 3	+1,055 7	6,305 1	6,237 12
Small Cause Courts.								
Akola ...	11,946 11	12,789 2	+ 842 7	3,859 11	4,213 0	+ 353 5	2,781 7	3,161 12
Khamgaon ...	5,458 15	8,295 1	+ 2,836 2	1,271 4	1,838 13	+ 567 9	2,265 13	2,836 8
Telhara ...	11,807 1	13,739 13	+ 1,932 12	3,697 15	4,576 11	+ 878 12	6,159 13	6,151 6
Amraoti ...	18,155 13	21,978 15	+ 3,823 2	5,542 0	7,078 2	+1,536 2	4,130 4	4,080 4
Badnera ...	8,036 14	9,328 10	+ 1,291 12	2,494 0	3,047 12	+ 553 12	3,166 10	3,193 6
Civil and Sessions Judge's Court,	5,586 3	7,317 12	+ 1,731 9	406 0	320 9	— 85 7	...	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court.	10,969 8	10,524 0	— 445 8	583 14	312 13	— 271 1	...	...
Total ...	2,57,422 13	3,16,116 13	+58,694 0	83,962 1	96,526 3	+12,564 2	62,565 8	63,023 3

Remarks on the above.

31. The total income on account of court and process fees during the year amounted to Rs. 4,12,643, including the amount realized in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, as against Rs. 3,41,384-14 in the previous year. The rise is, of course, due to the increase in litigation. The process service establishment cost Rs. 63,023-3.

The return of court and process fees suggests no special remark, beyond that the rates of the latter seem susceptible of some reduction, inasmuch as the income remains in excess of all expenditure; and I have some reason to think that the existing process-serving establishment is almost more than is required, while the ministerial establishment is undoubtedly below the requirements of the courts. On this a separate reference has been made.

E.—*Original Miscellaneous Cases.*

Number of miscellaneous cases.

32. The following table shows the result of trials of miscellaneous cases in the different courts during the year 1892 in comparison with the preceding year :—

TABLE X.

	1891. No. of miscellaneous cases.	1891. Percentage.	1892. No. of miscellaneous cases.	1892. Percentage.
Without trial	835	29·5	1,211	33·4
Without contest	1,157	40·9	1,464	40·3
With contest, and judgment for plaintiff ...	557	19·7	612	16·9
With contest, and judgment for defendant ...	279	9·9	337	9·3
On reference to arbitration	...	...	5	·1
Total ...	2,828	100	3,629	100

Result of trial of miscellaneous cases.

33. The number of miscellaneous cases increased from 2,828 to 3,629. The greater portion of the increase occurred in the Amraoti district. In Buldana and Basim the additional work was also considerable. The increase is sufficiently accounted for by the rise in the number of applications for declaration of insolvency and for execution of decrees, as it follows naturally on the increase in such business.

34. The average duration of contested cases has risen from 69 to 117·5 days, and is somewhat excessive, but the amount of business performed during the year was considerable. In uncontested cases the duration was 45·6 as against 67·9. This is an improvement on the figures of 1891.

Average duration.

35. The number of applications which remained pending at the close of 1892 was 548 or 13 per cent. of the number for disposal.

Number pending.

F.—*Agency for disposal of Suits.*

36. The following table shows how the suits disposed of were distributed among the different grades of officers during the last two years :—

Distribution of civil work.

TABLE XI.

Grades of court.	1891.		1892.	
	No. of cases decided.	Percentage on total disposal.	No. of cases decided.	Percentage on Total disposal.
Deputy Commissioners	14	·07	4	·01
Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners	19,967	87·9	25,164	91·1
Attachés	1,594	7·	1,389	4·99
Tahsildars	154	·23	61	·2
Naib Tahsildars	1,099	4·8	1,081	3·9
Total ...	22,728	100	27,649	100

37. The most noticeable feature in this statement is that Tahsildars and Naib Tahsildars have been relieved of judicial work to an even greater extent than in the previous year, and the amount of work performed by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners has very much increased. It may also be noted that 91·1 per cent. of the total original civil litigation of the province was disposed of by the latter class of officers to the great relief of the executive.

Work done by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners.

G.—*Execution of Decrees.*

38. The following table shows the execution work of the various civil courts in the province during the year :—

Result of execution proceedings.

TABLE XII.

District.	No. of applications for the execution of decrees before the courts.	No. of applications disposed of.	No. of applications on which realizations were made.				Proportion per cent. of applications on which full or part satisfaction was obtained to total number of applications disposed of.	Amount realized.		
			In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process	Without process.		With process.	Without process.	Total.
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Akola ...	2,855	2,332	408	343	771	10	32·1	51,655 13 9	486 9 6	52,142 7 3
Buldana ...	4,494	3,778	656	568	1,221	3	32·4	40,303 0 11	110 3 9	40,413 4 8
Basim ...	3,234	2,741	402	283	655	30	26·3	36,201 7 2	1,486 2 3	37,687 9 5
Amraoti ..	4,340	3,202	727	392	1,090	29	24·7	47,456 10 2	4,878 6 2	52,335 0 4
Ellichpur ..	3,735	2,857	367	329	684	12	24·4	38,806 15 10	567 0 8	39,374 0 6
Wun ...	3,063	2,396	418	310	719	9	30·4	36,669 2 3	322 6 11	36,991 9 2
SMALL CAUSE COURTS.										
Akola ..	1,620	1,508	118	81	199	...	13·2	4,446 7 3	..	4,446 7 3
Khamgaon.	513	445	57	28	50	5	15·6	2,201 1 9	...	2,201 1 1
Telhara ...	1,515	1,351	130	74	204	...	15·1	5,473 1 8	...	5,473 1 8
Amraoti ..	2,675	2,410	249	405	642	12	27·1	6,237 11 11	1,441 12 0	7,679 7 11
Bednera ..	1,234	1,135	184	132	310	6	27·8	14,521 4 4	377 15 6	14,899 3 10
Total ...	29,278	24,155	3,716	2,945	6,545	116	27·5	2,83,972 13 0	9,670 8 9	2,93,643 5 9

Applications for execution disposed of

39. The courts disposed of 24,155 or 82·5 per cent. of the total number of applications for execution, which includes cases instituted, pending, re-admitted, and received by transfer. The results of the two years compared are as under :—

	Percentages	
	1892	1891
Completely executed	15·4	15·8
Partially executed	12·2	10·8
Struck off without execution... ...	67·9	62·0
Transferred	4·5	11·4

The figures for 1892 compare favorably with those of the preceding year, especially as regards the increase in the percentage of cases completely and partially executed taken together.

Applications completely and partially executed.

40. The percentage of applications in which satisfaction was obtained in full or in part was relatively most favorable in the Amraoti district, in which 34·7 per cent. of the decrees put in execution were completely executed.

Applications struck off without execution

41. Some of the reports received go to show that a considerable number of applications are made merely with the object of keeping the decree alive. The fact is that judgment-creditors are often not very anxious to execute their decrees, as it pays them better to keep open their claims against judgment debtors; and among an ignorant and apathetic population they have great facilities for doing so. This of course is a matter over which the courts have no control.

It should also be remembered that the number of applications that were struck off without execution includes a not inconsiderable number of cases settled out of court.

Realization in money decrees.

42. The total value of the decrees in execution during the year was Rs. 2,93,643-5-9 against Rs. 2,77,238 in the previous year. Of this Rs. 9,670-8-9 were paid voluntarily and Rs. 2,83,972-13-0 were realized by coercive process. The proportion realized voluntarily is for the province 3 per cent. of the whole.

Arrest and imprisonment.

43. Arrests were most numerous in the Amraoti district. Including two remaining from last year, there were 79 civil debtors in prison during the year. Of these 77 were released during the year and two were remaining at its close.

Sale of moveable and immoveable property.

44. In 63 per cent. of the 1,502 cases in which moveable property was attached sale followed. In the remainder the mere attachment of the property was sufficient for the recovery of the amounts due.

Immoveable property was attached in 557 instances, but subsequently released. There were 999 sales of such property. In 773 cases was revenue paying land attached, and in 85 instances sales took place of hereditary or self-acquired interest in land. Temporary alienations were effected in 97 cases under section 323 of the Civil Procedure Code.

Insolvency proceedings under the Civil Procedure Code.

45. There were 36 applications under chapter XX of Act XIV of 1882 for a declaration of insolvency, against 26 in the previous year. The statistics show that there appears to be no general desire to take advantage of the insolvency provisions of the Civil Procedure Code. Only seven applications were granted as against eight in 1891. In one case only was it found neces-

sary to appoint a receiver, and the amount of creditors' claims admitted during the year was Rs. 16,730-9-6. No penal proceedings were taken under section 355 of the Civil Procedure Code.

PART II.—Small Cause Courts.

Reports from small cause courts.

46. There are, as last year, five small cause courts, *viz*: (1) Amraoti, (2) Badnera, (3) Akola, (4) Khamgaon, (5) Telhara. The reports submitted by each of the officers in charge are forwarded in original, and the work done is shown in the provincial statements and in table II of this report. The heavy files in these courts show how much they relieve the district courts, but also prove that they themselves should be relieved of all criminal work.

Work done by small cause courts.

47. The following table shows the work done by each court as compared with last year:—

		Pending.	Re-filed.	Instituted.	Total for disposal	Disposed of.	Pending.
Amraoti ...	1891 ...	325	50	1,980	2,305	1,777	528
	1892 ...	528	46	2,345	2,919	2,634	185
Badnera ...	1891 ...	89	59	1,163	1,311	935	376
	1892 ...	376	88	1,238	1,702	1,667	35
Akola ...	1891 ...	282	35	1,517	1,834	1,746	88
	1892 ...	88	43	1,697	1,828	1,759	69
Khamgaon ...	1891 ...	59	3	553	615	526	89
	1892 ...	89	1	726	816	725	91
Telhara ...	1891 ...	33	5	1,750	1,788	1,700	88
	1892 ...	88	7	2,053	2,148	1,918	230

Remarks on working.

48. In all these courts however, except Amraoti, it must be remembered that there is a fair amount of criminal and other work for disposal, and the pending file shown at the end of the year is therefore very creditable. The Badnera and Amraoti Small Cause Courts were under one judge for the first three months of the year, who sat alternately at each court for a week at a time; but the state of the file in each of these courts is now in a very satisfactory condition. I am not altogether satisfied that it is safe to give the judges of these courts jurisdiction up to so high a limit as Rs. 1,000, but experience shows that it is appreciated by the public, and the revisional powers under the Act appear to be sufficient safeguard against abuse of the powers granted.

PART III.—Appellate Court.

Appeals instituted, disposed of and pending.

49. The following statement shows the number of appeals from decrees instituted, disposed of, and pending in the civil appellate courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the past as compared with the preceding year:—

TABLE XIII.

Detail of courts.	Instituted in the year.		For disposal during the year.		Disposed of during the year.		Pending at the close of the year.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts.								
Appeals from original decrees ...	98	112	228	211	128	155	95	56
Do. from appellate do. ...	150	106	356	282	187	242	169	40
	248	218	579	493	315	397	264	96
Civil and Sessions Judge.								
Akola	208	148	273	272	153	115	120	157
Amraoti	190	269	230	382	128	157	102	225
Ellichpur	65	103	92	145	56	52	36	93
Wun	...	25	...	41	...	4	...	37
	463	545	595	840	337	328	258	512
Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges.								
Buldana	82	106	92	127	81	98	11	29
Basim...	131	112	160	184	89	83	71	101
Ellichpur	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Wun...	104	34	147	31	142	31	5	...
Grand Total ..	1,028	1,016	1,573	1,676	964	938	609	738

50. The above table gives the returns of regular appeals for the year under report.

Appeals instituted in the Judicial Commissioner's Court.

In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the year began with a pending file of 275 appeals, of which 99 were regular appeals and 176 were special appeals. A considerable number of the latter could not be heard till Mr. Obbard was relieved by me of his appointment as Officiating Judicial Commissioner, as they were from his own judgments, in regular appeal, as Civil and Sessions Judge.

The institutions of the year were 112 regular appeals and 106 second appeals, or 218 in all, giving 493 appeals for decision. Of this number 397 were disposed of, leaving a closing balance of only 96 appeals, *viz.*, 56 regular and 40 second appeals. The reason for the decrease in institutions in my court was the block in the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court, so that second appeals were less numerous.

Appellate business in the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court.

51. In the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court the year began with a closing file of 258 appeals, and 545 were filed during the year, giving 840 for disposal, of which only 328 were disposed of, leaving a closing file of 512 appeals. Mr. Nicholetts, who was acting as Civil and Sessions Judge almost all the year, worked very hard indeed, and in spite of exceptionally long and numerous sessions cases did a very fair amount of work. But it has been necessary, since Mr. Obbard's return, to retain his services as Additional Civil and Sessions Judge, to assist in clearing off the arrears of civil appeals, which is being done as rapidly as possible.

52. All appeals in suits valued below Rs. 500 in the Amraoti, Akola, Ellichpur and Wun districts are now brought to the Civil and Sessions Judge; while similar appeals in Buldana and Basim are heard by the Deputy Commissioners of those districts. I cannot say that I think that the existing arrangements for appellate courts are altogether satisfactory. Appellate work ought to be done carefully and deliberately, and the judge cannot do himself justice if he is overworked, while the public has cause for complaint if he works too hurriedly. The Civil and Sessions Judge is certainly liable to be overwhelmed with work if the number of his sessions cases extends his sitting for more than a week or ten days in each month, and it is scarcely possible to dispose of all the sessions cases of the province in so short a time. The alternative in this case appears to be either the appointment of an Additional Sessions Judge, to be stationed permanently at Akola, where there is a building available, or the disposal of the Ellichpur and Wun appeals by the Deputy Commissioners of those districts.

Appeals in the Basim district.

53. In Basim the Deputy Commissioner has found himself unable to keep pace with his appellate work, and has a pending file of 101 appeals. In Buldana the duration of appeals disposed of has risen considerably.

Total number of appeals in all courts.

54. The total number of regular appeals in all courts was 1,676, of which 935 were disposed of, leaving 738 at the close of the year. Excluding, however, the appeals to the Judicial Commissioner, there were 1,183 appeals for disposal, of which only 541 or less than half were disposed of. The pending file will of course be reduced to ordinary dimensions by the deputation of an additional judge, but it is, I think, evident from a comparison of the institutions and disposals that a single judge can scarcely be expected to deal satisfactorily with the appellate work. I should much prefer to see two judges, one sitting at Amraoti and one at Akola. This is perhaps scarcely the place to propound a scheme, but in view of the result shown by the year's returns, I have ventured to indicate the measures that should be taken in my opinion to prevent a recurrence of the present accumulation of arrears in appellate courts. If any step in the direction indicated is considered desirable, a separate and more detailed report on the subject will be submitted for orders.

Table XIV.—Appeals decided.

55. This table in the district reports gives the results of appeals as illustrating the character of the work of each officer, and is too long to be reproduced *in extenso* in this report; but the following abstract is sufficient to show generally the result of appeals in the various appellate courts:—

TABLE XIV.

	Number of decrees in contested cases against which an appeal lay to the district court.	Number of appeals preferred.	Ratio per cent. of appeals to decisions in which an appeal lay.	Number of appeals decided on trial.	Number of decisions affirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided on trial.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Buldana	1,229	106	8·6	98	48	49·
Basim	503	112	22·3	83	50	60·2
Ellichpur	13	1	7·7	1	...	...
Wun	172	34	19·8	31	19	61·3
Civil and Sessions Judge ...	*	545	*	328	204	62·2
Judicial Commissioner. Regular appeals ...	*	112	*	155	96	61·9
Judicial Commissioner. Special appeals ...	*	106	*	242	178	73·4
Total...	1,917	1,016	53·	938	595	63·4

* Figures not available.

Appeals affirmed.

56. The proportion of decisions in which the decree was affirmed in special appeal was very high in the following courts :—

	No. of appeals.	Percentage.
Mr. Obbard ...	94	96·8
„ Nicholetts ...	20	100
Captain Morris ...	2	100

The proportion of appealable decisions appealed to the district courts in the province was 13 per cent. The percentage of decrees affirmed was 65 in regular appeals, and 77·7 in special appeals, giving an average of 72·8 in all kinds of appeals. This is, I think, a good indication of the satisfactory working of courts in the province.

Value of appeals instituted.

57. The following statement shows the number and value of each class of appeals instituted in the courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the past as compared with the preceding year :—

TABLE XV.—*Appellate Jurisdiction.*

	Number of appeals instituted.				Value of appeals instituted.			
	1891.		1892.		1891.		1892.	
	In suits for money or moveables.	In title and other suits.	In suits for money or moveables.	In title and other suits.	In suits for money or moveables.	In title and other suits.	In suits for money or moveables.	In title and other suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Judicial Commr. { Regular appeals.	71	27	44	68	49,895 3 0	61,970 4 3	52,233 3 3	43,545 7 2
Judicial Commr. { 2nd appeals.	90	60	25	81	6,538 7 9	12,145 10 9	8,230 7 3	17,520 3 2
Civil and Sessions Judge,	147	316	208	337	17,359 4 11	29,806 0 4	31,394 15 0	26,313 1 10
Buldana ...	31	51	51	55	3,579 6 6	4,501 8 4	6,114 12 3	3,604 14 8
Basim ...	66	65	48	64	4,962 14 3	2,419 13 10	5,894 3 3	5,225 6 8
Ellichpur ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	37 0 0	...
Wun ...	41	63	10	24	5,685 15 0	3,368 4 0	2,287 6 7	2,111 6 3
Total ...	446	582	387	629	88,021 3 5	1,14,211 9 6	1,06,191 15 7	74,621 7 9

58. This statement scarcely calls for any remark. The aggregate value of appeals instituted was Rs. 1,80,813-7-4, or a decrease of Rs. 21,419-5-7. Although the number of appeals has been slightly less, the value of those instituted under the first head * has considerably increased, that is, from Rs. 88,021-3-5 to Rs. 1,06,191-15-7. This result is no doubt due to the large increase during the year in suits for money or moveable property.

* Column 8.

Manner of disposal of appeals.

59. The following comparative table shows the result of appeals in the courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the past two years :—

TABLE XVI.

Name of courts and description of appeals.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Number of appeals disposed of.	Rejected.		Dismissed for default.		Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Remanded.		Remarks.
			Number of appeals.	Percentage.	Number of appeals.	Percentage.	Number of appeals.	Percentage.	Number of appeals.	Percentage.	Number of appeals.	Percentage.	Number of appeals.	Percentage.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Judicial Commissioner's Court.															
Regular appeals.	211	155	12	7·7	5	3·2	84	54·3	22	14·2	12	7·7	20	12·9	
Special do.	282	242	56	23·3	12	5·	122	50·4	7	2·9	13	5·4	32	13·2	
Total ...	493	397	68	17·1	17	4·3	206	51·9	29	7·3	25	6·3	52	13·1	
Civil and Sessions Judge.															
Regular appeals ...	840	328	94	28·6	34	10·3	110	33·5	24	7·3	48	14·8	18	5·5	
Total ...	840	328	94	28·6	34	10·3	110	33·5	24	7·3	48	14·8	18	5·5	
District Judges															
Buldana ...	127	98	20	20·4	7	7·1	28	28·6	11	11·2	14	14·3	18	18·4	
Basim ...	184	83	9	10·8	3	3·7	41	49·4	5	6·	17	20·5	8	9·6	
Ellichpur ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	·100	...	...	
Wun ..	31	31	...	...	...	...	19	61·3	...	...	8	25·8	4	12·9	
Total ...	343	213	29	13·6	10	4·7	88	41·3	16	7·5	40	18·8	30	14·1	
Grand Total...	1,676	938	191	20·4	61	6·5	404	43	69	7·4	113	12·	100	10·7	

Remarks on the result of appeals.

60. The above statement shows the result of appeals and the method of their disposal in all the appellate courts.

In my own court, in 73·3 per cent. of the appeals disposed of, the judgments of the original courts were either confirmed or the appeals rejected and dismissed in default, and in 26·7 per cent. the decree of the lower courts were either modified or reversed, or the case remanded for re-trial.

The result is creditable to the lower courts, and in this connection I may say that generally I have had good reason to be satisfied with the work which has come before me. In 1891 the corresponding percentages were 62·5 and 37·5. The only point calling for further notice is the increase in number of appeals rejected after hearing the appellants only and without notice to the respondent. The percentage of this has risen from 6 to 17·1. I found a good many appeals were admitted without sufficient cause shown, and I have therefore carefully examined the grounds of appeal on presentation, and have granted a first hearing to the appellant for careful consideration of his case. A large number of appeals are filed by pleaders without proper consideration, merely on the chance of a difference of opinion on matters of fact, and this merely causes useless litigation, which can be prevented by the exercise of a little care in admitting them to final hearing.

61. In the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court a similar result has been shown, the percentage of rejections having risen from 17·8 to 28·6; while the percentage of cases confirmed, &c., is 72·4, and of judgments reversed, modified, or remanded is 27·6.

62. In the District Courts the percentages of judgments confirmed and appeals rejected, &c., is 59·6, while 40·4 were either reversed, modified or remanded. The percentage of rejections at first hearing is 13·6.

Appellate work in the Judicial Commissioner's Court

The following table shows the state of the civil business which came before the Judicial Commissioner during the year, as compared with the previous year:—

	Institutions with pending of previous year		Disposals		Pending.		Remarks.
	1891	1892.	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.	
Regular appeals ...	224	211	129	155	95	56	
Special appeals ...	356	282	187	242	169	40	
Miscellaneous ...	364	296	260	261	104	35	
Total ...	944	789	576	658	368	131	

63. The following statement shows the number of miscellaneous appeal instituted, disposed of, and pending in the civil appellate courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892 as compared with the previous year.

Miscellaneous appeals.

TABLE XVII.—*Appellate jurisdiction.*

Detail of courts	Miscellaneous appeals.							
	Instituted		For disposal.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Judicial Commissioner ...	190	189	364	296	260	261	104	35
Civil and Sessions Judge ...	19	29	27	40	17	27	10	13
Buldana	1	...	1	...	1	...		...
Basim ...	8	8	9	18	...	16	9	2
Ellichpur	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Wun	5	3	12	3	12	3	...	...
Total ...	223	229	413	357	290	307	123	50

64. Including 123 miscellaneous appeals pending from 1891 and 229 instituted or otherwise received, the total number for disposal during the year amounted to 357 against 413 in the year previous; of these 307 were disposed of during the year.

Institution and disposal of miscellaneous appeals

Miscellaneous appeals have thus decreased by 13 per cent. None of the districts show fluctuations of any importance. The Civil and Sessions Judge disposed of 27 such appeals against 17 in the preceding year. The pending file was 50 or 73 less than in the previous year.

Average duration.

65. The subjoined statement shows the average duration of appeals disposed of in the civil appellate courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the past two years :—

TABLE XVIII.

	Duration of appeals.			
	Regular appeals.		Miscellaneous appeals.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
1	2	3	4	5
Judicial Commissioner	347·	269·2	236·6	162·6
Civil and Sessions Judge	148·6	264·6	120·1	162·6
Buldana	56·	81·8	57·	...
Basim	235·2	339·	...	319·7
Ellichpur		86·	..	...
Wun	60·7	56·9	86·8	35·3
Provincial duration ...	192·7	245·3	233·3	169·6

Remarks on the above.

66. The average duration of regular appeals for the province has risen from 192·7 to 245·3. This increase may be traced chiefly to excessive duration in the Basim district and the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court.

67. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the average durations were 269·2 in regular appeals and 162·6 in miscellaneous, as against 347 and 236·6 in the preceding year. Though the figures for 1892 show a considerable improvement on those of 1891, they are still somewhat high, because a great part of the appellate work disposed of consisted of arrears of old cases, which had unavoidably been left pending since 1890, and also included an appeal instituted in 1889. But all the old appeals have now been disposed of, and the duration of cases in the current year ought to show a great decrease.

68. In the Civil and Sessions Judge's Court the average duration has risen from 148·6 to 264·6 in regular appeals, and from 120·1 to 162·6 in miscellaneous appeals. The cause of this increase is explained as follows by the Civil and Sessions Judge: "The high duration of regular and miscellaneous appeals was the result of the unusually high number of sessions cases in the year under report. It was only in the later part of the year that the judge could give his time properly to the civil work. At the commencement of 1892 there were on the file 258 appeals dating from 1890 and 1891, which caused the duration to run high. These had to be decided first." There is no doubt that Mr. Nicholetts had a very large number of important sessions cases this year which occupied his time during the earlier months of the year, and the old pending file accounts for the long duration in his court. In the District Courts the average duration of appeals has also increased except in Wun, where it has fallen from 60·7 to 56·9 days, but the appellate powers of the Deputy Commissioner of Wun were withdrawn. In Basim the duration has greatly increased and is in excess of the provicinal average both for regular and miscellaneous appeals. This unsatisfactory result is attributed by the Deputy Commissioner "to more appeals pending from the previous year having been disposed of than in 1891." The explanation can scarcely be regarded as satisfactory, and Mr. Davies ought, I think, to have been able to do better.

69. In Buldana the duration rose from 56 days to 81·8, and the increase is thus accounted for: "The duration against the Civil Judge's Court is very high, and is explained to be partly due to delay in compliance, by subordinate judges,

which orders of remand under section 566 of the Civil Procedure Code and partly to the heavy civil work." As regards the former reason it would be advisable for civil appellate courts to fix a date for the return of a case remanded, a plan which has been adopted in the Judicial Commissioner's Court with very good results. Mr. Harbhamji, the Civil Judge of Buldana, should endeavour to keep an eye on his calendar and see that cases are always brought up punctually. The long duration of appeals is a matter of regret, but is closely connected with the subject of arrears already dealt with. So long as the court cannot keep up with the current work, and arrears accumulate, long duration must result. The deputation of Mr. Nicholetts to assist the Civil and Sessions Judge has had the effect of reducing the pending file in his court to almost normal dimensions at the time of the submission of this report, and in Basim since Mr. Hare took charge of the district, Mr. Davies has been able to effect some improvement in his file. But the whole subject of arrears and long duration is one that requires to be dealt with separately.

PART IV.—GENERAL.

Cases inspected by Deputy Commissioners.

70. The following statement shows the number of cases the proceedings in which were called up for inspection by Deputy Commissioners during the year 1892 :—

TABLE XIX.

Districts.	No. of cases called up including the balance of last year.	No. of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioner for inspection and report.	No. of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection.				No. of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.
				Cases in which procedure was found correct.	Cases in which errors were pointed out and communicated to officers concerned.	No. of cases ordered to be admitted under the G. O. No. 112-J., dated 19th July 1878.	Total.	
Akola	468	271	197	283	177	...	460	8
Buldana	496	...	496	495	91	...	496	...
Basim	602	152	450	466	136	..	602	...
Amraoti	390	184	206	284	106	...	390	...
Ellichpur	302	...	302	194	108	...	302	...
Wun	415	...	415	224	191	...	415	...
Total ... 1892 ...	2,673	607	2,066	1,856	809	...	2,665	8
Total ... 1891 ..	2,533	611	1,922	1,836	697	...	2,533	...

Supervision of subordinate courts.

71. Deputy Commissioners personally inspected 2,066 cases out of 2,673 called up for inspection. The generality of officers called for a fair number of cases from the subordinate courts. If the figures exhibited in the table are taken as a test of the accuracy of the procedure of the courts, then it must be considered as favorable to all, except those of the cou ts in the Wun district, in 46 per cent. of the proceedings in which errors were detected.

Inspection work of Judicial Commissioner.

72. The practice of examining not only decided cases, but also pending files, was kept in view during the Judicial Commissioner's inspection of the district courts at Akola, Buldana, Ellichpur and Wun. The working of the courts was also looked into and irregularities brought to the notice of presiding officers through the Deputy Commissioner. Two hundred other cases which it was deemed desirable to inspect were also specially sent for and examined. The errors detected and pointed out for the guidance of the officers concerned were generally unimportant.

73. On the whole, the result of my inspections pointed to correct procedure, but somewhat excessive delay due to unnecessary adjournments. This is owing

to many causes, some of which are beyond the control of courts. But I have taken occasion to call the attention of officers to instances of unusual and unexplained postponements, and I hope to see an improvement. This, of course, is the principal reason of the long duration in the disposal of suits, which is perhaps, the chief blot in the civil judicial administration of the province. It is also due, I believe, in some measure to insufficient ministerial establishments, a subject which is now under consideration, and will, I hope, soon be dealt with satisfactorily.

74. The head-quarters of every district except Basim has been inspected by me since I joined my appointment. The extensions to the civil buildings are being carried out as rapidly as possible: and in Ellichpur, Buldana, Wun and Amraoti a great improvement may be expected in the working of the courts as a consequence. Until there is more room it is difficult to provide properly for the copying department, records, English and vernacular, and ministerial offices. There is still a good deal to be done in weeding the old records and in classifying the remainder. But as soon as there is room to accommodate them, I think the most urgent need is a small increase to the establishments of Deputy Commissioners, which at present are found to be inadequate. The furniture of the courts is generally good and sufficient, and I have endeavoured to comply with all requisitions for its improvement when made.

Court libraries.

75. I think a little more might be done to improve the libraries of law books in the subordinate courts. Although it is true that officers interested in their work will provide themselves as far as possible with books necessary to discharge their duties well, still law books are expensive, and I think we should provide standard annotated editions of the principal laws to assist our officers. The pleaders usually have them, and it is not right that officers should be obliged to borrow from them. I should like to have a small sum placed at my disposal for improving these law libraries. I mention this as I have been frequently asked for them, and under existing orders I am unable to sanction the expenditure. It is certainly at least as important as the proper furniture of the courts, for which my sanction is considered sufficient.

CANTONMENT COURTS IN THE DOMINIONS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE NIZAM.

Cantonment courts.

76. The cantonment courts in the military stations of Aurangabad, Jalna, Mominabad and Hingoli have been placed under the control of the Judicial Commissioner during the past year for the first time.

The following details show separately the working of the four courts during the year. There were no similar returns submitted in the past year with which a comparison of these figures may be made.

Suits instituted.

77. The number of suits instituted during the year in these courts was 314 as specified below:—

Aurangabad ..	... 161	Mominabad ..	17
Jalna	.. 73	Hingoli ...	60

Suits for disposal.

78. The number of cases for disposal including those pending from the previous year was 320, of which 265 were disposed of during the year.

The manner of disposal will be seen from the following figures :—

	Without trial.	Without contest.	Contested.	Total.
Aurangabad	6	80	64	150
Jalna	3	29	17	49
Mominabad	2	5	2	9
Hingoli	3	23	31	57
Total ...	14	137	114	265

Contested cases.

79. The following are the results of cases contested in the different courts :—

——	Aurangabad.	Jalna	Mominabad.	Hingoli.
Judgment for plaintiff	47	16	2	22
Do. for defendant	17	1	...	9

Pending file.

80. The pending file at the end of the year was 55 cases, being 17·2 per cent. of the suits for disposal, of which 25 were awaiting disposal in the Jalna court alone.

Classification of suits.

81. The following table shows the classification of suits :—

——	Contracts in writing.	Contracts not in writing.	Accounts stated.	Other suits.	Total.
Aurangabad	50	103	6	5	164
Jalna	...	25	34	14	73
Mominabad	11	2	4	...	17
Hingoli	15	8	12	25	60
Total ...	76	138	56	44	314

Value and costs of suits.

82. The total value of the suits disposed of in 1892 amounted to Rs. 17,999-6-3, and the average value is Rs. 68-15-5. The average cost of each suit comes to Rs. 4-15-0.

Execution of decrees.

83. There were 47 applications for execution of decrees. Of these 34 were thus disposed of during the year : 20 were completely executed, 11 were partially executed, and in 3 no execution was effected. The number of applications pending was 13.

Income of the courts.

84. The total income of these courts arising from court and process fees amounted to Rs. 2,387-6-8.

Miscellaneous applications.

85. In addition to the business detailed above, 16 applications were disposed of other than plaints presented to these courts, leaving 3 pending at the close of the year :—

Average duration

86. The annexed table shows the average duration of cases during the year :—

	1892.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.
Aurangabad	17·8	22·1
Jalna	34·4	18·1
Mominabad	2·0	1·5
Hingoli	11·9	15·9

Remarks on working of the cantonment courts.

87. The results shown are good, and the work is very light. Captain Chamier, who is Cantonment Magistrate of Aurangabad and Jalna, appears to understand his work, and do it well. I hope later on to visit these courts when they are more completely in working order and the head-quarters of Captain Chamier are fixed.

Concluding Remarks.

Local Bar.

88. In the following table the number of pleaders practising in the several districts is given. At the examination of candidates held under the new rules at Amraoti in September last four were successful in passing by the lower standard, one of

whom died almost immediately after the examination, and only one has as yet taken out a certificate. One Bachelor of Law was enrolled as a pleader of the first grade. Four pleaders died during the year, which accounts for the difference in the B class from the return of 1891.

89. The Bar is represented by an exceptionally well educated and intelligent body of pleaders in Amraoti and Akola, and the relations between the Bench and Bar have been undisturbed by any undesirable incident during the year.

TABLE XX.

	Number of pleaders.			
	1891.		1892.	
	Class A.	Class B.	Class A.	Class B.
Akola	3	27	3	28
Buldana	...	15	1	15
Basim	...	8	...	7
Amraoti	15	31	16*	27
Ellichpur	...	13	...	13
Wun	2	6	1	6
Total ...	20	100	21	96

*This includes two barristers. There are, in addition, enrolled seven barristers and seven pleaders residing without the province.

Office of Judicial Commissioner.

90. Mr. R. Obbard officiated as Judicial Commissioner from the beginning of the year until April 18th, when I took charge. I remained in charge through the rest of the year, Mr. Obbard proceeding on furlough. Mr. Nicholetts officiated as Civil and Sessions Judge from the beginning of the year until Mr. Obbard's return in November. He had very hard work and did as much as he could, considering the heavy sessions he had to contend with, and his work was done very satisfactorily.

Judicial work of officers.

91. I have been, on the whole, very well satisfied with the judicial work of the officers under me. It has been done carefully and conscientiously. The chief fault is a tendency to allow cases to drag on longer than is absolutely necessary, but this is a fault on the right side. Hasty judgments and enquiries lead no doubt to remands and protracted litigation. At the same time I should like to see a little more firmness in the matter of adjournments, more confidence in dealing with applications, and less reliance on the pleaders.

92. I do not think it is necessary to enumerate by name those who have done well, especially as I have not had occasion often to find fault, and consider that the work of the province has been done very satisfactorily by nearly all, and this is my first report on the judicial civil administration. The Resident is probably better acquainted than I am with the merits of the officers.

Notice of officers.

93. Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of my office, has done his work entirely to my satisfaction. He is careful and systematic, and his experience of this court makes him an invaluable servant. If the post of Registrar to this court could be created, as in my opinion it should be, he would fill the post most satisfactorily. Mr. Balaji Rajaram as Officiating Head Clerk has done his work very well.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. S. BULLOCK,

Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

APPENDICES.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the Rent Law.								Title and other suits.																			
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages works and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or moveables not already mentioned.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt, or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For puttahs or kabulayats.	For ejectments or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not including above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set a side judgement, contract or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration	Inter-pleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. *Civil Courts*																																						
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...		.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...		...	.	.	...		...	...	.	...	..	.	.	...		...	
Village Courts ..		..	.		..	...	...	.	...	...	...	.	...	...		...	..	...	.			...	...	..		...		...	..	.	.	.	.	.	...	.	..	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals.	4,518	1,188	1,155	2	17	21	101	286	52	62	...	...	..	...	...	..		...	1,143	92	50	1,133	33	.	.	10	1	62	15	..	...			.	.	146	10,087	
Small Cause Courts ...	8,118	1,381	2,526	43	166	111	35	195	67	156	..	.	.	...	.			..	.				...		.			..	.	..	...	.			.	..	12,798	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	431	160	35	...	..	...	5	21	1	17	...	..	...	...	.		.	..	364	27	6	90	36	5		5	4	14	12	..	.	.		.	..	23	1,256	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	1,130	163	306	2	2	10	..	23	9	6	...	.	..	...	...	..	.	...	213	10	6	144	7	3	..	2		2	3	...	..	1	1	1	...	23	2,067	
Total .. 1892 .	14,197	2,892	4,022	47	185	142	141	525	129	241	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1,72[illegible]	129	62	1,367	76	8	.	17	5	78	30	.	..	1	1	1	...	192	26,208	
Total .. 1891 .	12,425	2,572	3,093	236	258	168	151	400	120	197	...	...	..	...	..		..	...	1,518	128	41	709	86	13	1	36	11	83	27	..	...	..	...	3	...	154	22,59[illegible]	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII.—*Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

Class of Courts.	Number of suits in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.			Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.													
I.—*Civil Courts.*													
										Rs.	a.	p.	
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	594	4,439	1,921	2,675	70	...	..	...	388	8,64,204	11	7	10,087
Small Cause Courts	805	6,132	3,182	2,504	175	...	...	...	..	10,20,646	0	8	12,798
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	25	261	183	391	230	62	...	3	101	5,05,405	0	0	1,256
Chief Courts of Districts ..	91	727	357	380	156	283	17	9	47	10,58,448	9	3	2,067
Total ... 1892 ..	1,515	11,559	5,643	5,950	631	345	17	12	536	34,48,704	5	10	26,208
Total ... 1891 ...	1,521	10,155	4,854	4,723	483	217	9	8	620	25,70,073	6	3	22,590

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IX.—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.	
		Transferred to Courts in other district.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.															
I.—Civil Courts.															
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	12,287	...	1,026	1,655	2,969	1,744	73	22	6	2,379	751	1,662	856	115·4	42·4
Small Cause Courts ..	14,643	...	1,408	1,971	3,491	3,655	209	44	8	2,212	504	1,141	197	90·3	62·3
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts .	1,642	...	249	125	221	132	18	9	2	425	199	262	189	233·2	88·2
Chief Courts of Districts ...	2,583		129	285	442	757	10	6	2	437	74	441	214	148·1	67·7
Total .. 1891...	31,155	...	2612	4,036	7,123	6,288	310	81	18	5,453	1,525	3,506	1,186	119·8	58·7
Total .. 1892..	26,814	...	2452	3,398	6,219	4,437	247	66	15	4,539	1,355	4,086	1,587	114·7	51·4

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IX—(CIVIL.)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of civil cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

PART II—MISCELLANEOUS CASES—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of: Transferred to courts in other districts.	Without trial.	Without contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	On reference to arbitration.	With contest: For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.	Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases: Contested.	Uncontested.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. 1.—*Civil Courts.*																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Falid Sub-divisional Tribunals ...	1,711	...	479	39	350	163	69	4	...	276	131	200	16	51·2	44·6	
Small Cause Courts ...	964	...	297	19	126	248	26	...	...	78	64	106	14	12·5	22·6	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	544	...	183	9	40	115	4	..	...	109	35	49	19	105·4	69·6	
Chief Courts of Districts.	841	...	200	13	133	86	21	1	...	112	93	182	42	61·2	65·3	
Total	4,060	...	1,159	80	649	612	120	5	...	575	323	537	91	64·	181·1	
Civil and Sessions Judge's Courts, H. A. D. ...	38	...	10	1	...	1	...	...	...	18	...	8	4	73·	39·3	
Judicial Commissioner, H. A. D. ...	79	..	42	1	...	...	...	...	...	19	14	3	1	89·7	12·5	
Total ..	117	...	52	2	...	1	..	...	...	37	14	11	5	85·9	57·8	
Grand Total... 1892...	4,177	...	1,211	8	649	613	120	5	...	612	337	548	96	117·5	45·6	
Grand Total... 1891...	3,466	..	835	56	521	484	96	...	...	557	279	638	166	69·	67·9	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. X.—(CIVIL.)—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Courts.	Total No. of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Districts.	Heard *ex parte*: Decisions confirmed, section 55, C. P. C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Contested: Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. Appeals from Original Decrees. A.—*Civil Courts.*																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. of Districts ...	343	...	29	10	15	5	5	6	73	11	35	24	130	87	178·6	...	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Province ...	840	...	94	34	4	1	1	...	106	23	47	18	512	335	264·6	...	
Total ..	1,183	...	123	44	19	6	6	6	179	34	82	42	642	422	230·6	...	
B.—*Revenue Courts.*																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees...	211	...	10	5	2	...	...	...	84	22	12	20	56	36	296·2	...	
Appeals from appellate decrees.	282	...	40	12	14	2	..	...	122	7	13	32	40	18	231·5	...	
Total ...	493	...	50	17	16	2	...	...	206	29	25	52	96	54	269·2	...	
Grand Total... 1892 ...	1,676		173	61	35	8	6	6	385	63	107	94	738	476	245·3	...	
Grand Total... 1891 ...	1,573	...	121	52	27	...	6	7	400	88	138	125	609	429	192·7	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No X.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals—(Judicial.)

Class of Courts.	Total No. of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other districts.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551, C. P. C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—*Civil Courts.*																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	...	...	...	...	.	...	.	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	
Do. of Districts ...	21	...	8	...	...	2	6	...	1	..	2	.	2	1	275·	...	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	40	...	12	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	6	4	13	3	162·6	...	
Total ..	61	...	20	1	...	2	7	1	2	1	8	4	15	4	209·	...	
B.—*Revenue Courts.*																	
Collector's Appellate Courts ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. { Appeals from original decrees. / Appeals from appellate decrees. }	296	...	120	9	11	..	3	5	76	2	19	16	35	8	162·6	...	
Total ...	296	...	120	9	11	...	3	5	76	2	19	16	35	8	162·6	...	
Grand Total ... { 1892 . / 1891... }	357	...	140	10	11	2	10	6	78	3	27	20	50	12	169·6	...	
	413	...	15	24	33	5	21	3	129	1	29	30	123	34	233·3	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XI.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

Class of Courts	Total No. of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	No. of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized		No. of applications.										Remarks.
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property		On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced	On which portion was affected	
												Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326, Act XIV of 1882 / Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
1.—Civil Courts.								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
Unpaid Tribunals Village Courts	.. ..	..			... ...	..		...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	.	.	..			...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals.	12,481	690	1,889	1,290	6,119	2,493	769	1,22,603 3 3	2,089 0 7	29	36	422	233	655	12	407	10	353	3	24	867	
Small Cause Courts	10,457	66	1,096	920	7,016	1,359	189	48,089 5 11	2,371 4 6	36	85	354	263	...			3	6	..	1	9	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,875	141	313	267	1,493	601	270	40,075 12 8	1,469 4 3	11	6	65	32	125	...	112	2	63			730	
Chief Courts of Districts.	3,465	192	418	468	1,777	610	219	73,204 7 2	3,740 15 5	1	10	118	20	219	1	38	5	79	2	6	344	
Total . { 1892	29,278	1,089	3,716	2,945	16,405	5,123	1,447	2,83,972 13 0	9,670 8 9	77	137	954	548	999	13	557	20	530	6	39	1,940	
1891.	27,785	2,625	3,623	2,458	14,253	4,816	1,659	2,93,419 7 5	13,819 14 1	63	151	710	615	859	8	690	19	531	22	23	1,862	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the number and result of applications and Proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another district, withdrawn, &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Courts other than chief Courts of Districts* ...	27	5	1	4	10	...	...	7	...	...	6,082 0 6	...	274 7 11	8 1 8	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	9	4	...	2	1	...	...	2	2	...	10,648 9 0	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ... 1892 ...	36	9	1	6	11	...	..	9	2	...	16,730 9 6	...	274 7 11	8 1 8	
Total ... 1891 ..	26	5	...	8	4	...	...	9	1	2	4,130 4 0	5,046 4 6	37 15 0	47 4 5	

* Specially empowered under Section 360, Act X of 1877.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Court of the Original Jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	No. of suits before the Courts.							No. of suits disposed of.															Average duration of suits.					
									Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					Contested.			Uncontested.		
	Pending from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Reviewed under Sections 98, 103, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed or *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	No. of cases, columns 7 to 20.	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.	No. of cases (columns 10 to 16).	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure.	1,205	9,020	1,021	31	8	260	11,545	880	50	830	102	1,532	2,718	1,595	72	13	3	2,065	670	9,630	1,434	556	2,751	302,438	109·9	6,899	331,683	48·1
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	225	3,342	172	...	.	109	3,848	328	25	414	24	423	899	793	32	...	...	475	116	3,201	319	36	591	30,915	52·3	2,610	127,517	48·9
Small Cause Courts. — As Small Cause Court Judges.	1,169	8,059	...	4	1	180	9,413	100	14	740	66	1,369	2,172	2,481	56	37	8	1,428	332	8,703	610	105	1,805	187,088	103·6	6,898	410,318	16·
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	136	1,067	...	6	5	5	1,219	16	5	19	20	123	251	149	1	9	3	314	81	975	228	30	407	62,946	154·7	568	31,174	54·9
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	369	1,256	542	20	4	87	2,278	439	12	151	86	125	221	132	18	9	2	425	199	1,380	262	189	635	148,852	234·4	745	65,718	88·2
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	614	2,067	166	20	...	77	2,944	139	11	105	13	285	442	757	10	6	2	437	74	2,142	441	214	519	76,836	148·	1,623	109,863	67·7
Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	368	1,397	...	2	...	43	1,810	...	4	114	7	179	420	331	121	7	...	209	56	1,598	212	56	372	39,128	105·2	1,225	130,710	160·6
Grand Total ... 1892 ...	4,086	26,208	1,901	83	18	761	33,057	1,902	121	2,373	318	4,036	7,123	6,288	310	81	18	5,453	1,528	27,649	3,506	1,186	7,080	848,203	119·8	20,569	1,206,983	58·7
Grand Total ... 1891 ...	3,491	22,590	3,255	133	17	583	30,069	3,255	150	1,982	320	3,398	6,210	4,437	247	66	15	4,539	1,355	22,728	4,086	1,587	5,975	685,798	114·7	16,753	861,133	51·4

Supplemental statement showing the number of civil cases called up by the Deputy Commissioner for inspection from the Subordinate Courts during the year 1892.

Class of Courts.	Number of cases called up including the balance of last year.	Number of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioners for inspection and report.	Number of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection.				Number of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.	Remarks.
				Cases in which procedure was found to be correct.	Cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to officers concerned.	Number of cases ordered to be admitted under the Government Notification No. 112-J., dated 19th July 1878.	Ttal.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Akola	468	271	197	283	177	...	460	8	
Buldana	496	...	496	405	91	...	496	...	
Basim	602	152	450	466	136	...	602	...	
Amraoti	390	184	206	284	106	...	390	...	
Ellichpur	302	...	302	194	108	...	302	...	
Wun	415	...	415	224	191	...	415	...	
Judicial Commissioner ...	200	...	200	134	66	...	200	...	
Total ... 1892 ...	2,873	607	2,266	1,990	875	...	2,865	8	
Total ... 1891 ...	2,533	611	1,922	1,836	697	...	2,533	...	

SUPPLEMENT TO JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(CIVIL).

SUPPLEMENT TO JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(CIVIL.)—*Statement showing the general result of civil suits disposed of by each officer in the H. A. D. during the year 1892.*

PART I—CIVIL SUITS.

No.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Received otherwise.							No of suits disposed of														Average duration of suits.					
			Pending from last year	Instituted in this year.	Received by transfer from other courts	Remanded under section 562, Act X of 1882	Reviewed under section 626	Reviewed under sections 99, 103, 108 or 371	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts	Without trial		Without contest				On reference to arbitration		With contest		Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending at the close of the year	Of those pending more than three months at the close of the year	Contested			Uncontested.		
											Plaint rejected or returned	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex-parte	Dismissed ex-parte	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part	Judgment for defendant.				No. of cases, columns 19 to 22.	Aggregate No. of days occupied on trial.	Average No. of days	No. of cases, columns 12 to 18.	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	AKOLA DISTRICT.																													
1	Mr Vishwanath N Dandekar	Special Assistant Commissioner	21	113	17	1		9	161	8	2	9	2	25	26	24	1	4	1	21	5	120	33	24	31	4,603	148 5	89	10,408	116·9
2	Captain R P Colomb ..	Asst Comr.		44	..	..			44			1		1	2	2		...		1		10	34	2	4	300	75·	6	126	21
3	Lieutenant W Haig .	Do.		38					38	22				1	11			...				16	..		4	190	32 5	12	258	21·5
4	Mr C E Biddulph	Do.	10	19						9				2	6	1		...	...			16	..	.	4	130	32 5	12	258	21·5
5	,, Ekanath Moreshwar	Extra Asst Comr, Akola	94	6					409		1								6			8			7	350	50·	9	188	20 9
6	,, Azizuddin	Do		232	99	..	4	5		1	21	18	3	55	83	18		1		91	63	353	22	7	155	21,274	137 3	198	15,516	78·4
7	,, Ganesh Bapuji .	Do	9	12				1	22	16	1			1	1			...	...	2	1	6			3	422	140 7	3	107	35·7
8	,, Maniksha Ratanji	Do. Khamgaon	33	199		2	1		235		4	1		22	57	15		6	1	77	9	192	43	19	93	13,733	147 7	99	5,788	58·5
9	,, Deorao Jeykrishna	Do Telhara	94	809		4	4		911			12	15	85	182	132	1	3	2	226	69	737	174	10	300	48,056	160 2	437	23,990	54·9
10	,, Syed Murheeduddin	Naib Tahsildar, Akot	3	391		1			335	..		7	2	72	187	34	.	..		10	6	318	7		16	371	23·2	302	6,308	20 9
11	,, Syed Mahmood	Do Julgaon	2	164			.	1	167			38	.	21	65	16		..	..	20	4	164	3	...	24	570	23 7	140	2,302	16·4
12	,, Wasudeo Umakant .	Do Balapur .	5	64					69			2	.	16	19	10			..	5	...	51	...	...	5	133	26 6	46	1,644	35 7
13	,, Abdul Kudus .	Do		30				..	30			1		4	20	4		.	..	2	1	32	...	.	3	204	68	29	1,315	45 3
14	,, Balkrishna Ramchandra ..	Do .		76					76	..		3	1	18	37	9	..		..	21	..	89	3		21	404	19 2	68	1,392	20·5
		Total	27	2,127	56	12	5	16	2,487	56	29	92	23	333	695	265	2	14	5	490	164	2,112	319	62	673	91,261	135 6	1,439	69,351	48·
	BULDANA DISTRICT.																													
1	Colonel H C Szczepanski	Deputy Commissioner																												
2	Mr Kumar Shri Harbhamji .	Civil Judge	131	1,455	60	11		44	1,701	1	1	52	7	198	300	585	1	.	1	237	36	1,419	...	...	275	25,37·	92 3	1,144	...	.
3	,, Govind Ranz ..	Do	.	175		1		2	178	106	2	2		28	34	67		.		30	4	167	186	51	34	2,480	72 9	133	55,778	48·7
4	Lieutenant A G Davidson	Asst Comr, Buldana .	61						61	60										1		1			1	38	38	.	8,621	64 8
5	,, R P Horsbrugh .	Do do		66	106	...			172	..		1	2	1	12	18	54			9	1	90	74	22	10	477	47 7	88	3,002	34 1
6	Mr Rustomji Faridonji .	Do Mulkapur	192	1,556		7	1	42	1,798	.		2	56	6	287	424	339	7	10	2	483	63	1,679	119	19	558	40,586	72 7	1,121	56,704	50·6
7	,, E Marshall ..	Extra Asst Comr, Mehkar .	56	1,652		6	1	11	1,726			3	7	9	277	481	442		2	.		345	49	1,615	111	14	396	21,150	23 4	1,219	35,523	29 1
		Total	440	4,904	166	25	2	99	5,636	167	9	119	23	802	1,257	1,487	8	13	3	1,105	153	4,979	490	106	1,274	90,107	70 7	3,705	159,623	43·
	BASIM DISTRICT.																													
1	Mr C Sham Rao ..	Attaché Pusad ..	26	1,320		1		33	1,380	1	1	270	24	278	339	266	13	..		115	33	1,339	40		148	7,933	53 6	1,191	34,148	28·7
2	,, Narain Raoji ..	Naib Tahsildar, Mungrul		379			1	16	396			17		58	134	118	1	..		49	11	388			60	779	13 6	328	3,442	10 5
3	,, Laxman Gopal ...	Do. do	.	41					31					6	10	20		...	.	3		39			3	21	7	36	479	13·3
4	,, Shapurji Virji ...	Extra Asst Comr, Basim	57	231	60		.	4	352	55		27	2	34	77	67	2	.		24	4	247	50	14	39	9,758	256 8	209	13,046	62 4
5	,, Do ...	Judge, Small Cause Court, Basim	152	1,127	1			34	1,314	60	11	188	13	152	295	328	8			141	44	1,180	74	6	185	10,620	57 4	995	52,694	52 9
6	,, Ambadas Santo .	Civil Judge, Basim	106	526	56	17	3	52	760	1		100	66	55	140	78	9	6	1	183	93	731	23	9	283	35,258	124 5	445	25,689	57·3
7	,, Do ..	Do Hingoli	2	44				2	48	1	1	3	5	4	21	2			...	9		45	2		9	403	44 7	36	815	22·6
		Total	343	3,658	117	18	4	141	4,281	118	13	605	110	587	1,016	879	33	6	1	534	185	3,969	194	31	726	64,772	89 2	3,243	130,313	40·2
	AMRAOTI DISTRICT.																													
1	Mr Wamon Narayen .	Civil Judge .	109	135	2	2		15	263	20	2	26	1	7	20	36	5	1		37	4	139	124	89	42	14,860	353·8	97	15,586	160·5
2	,, Buldhuji Janardhan			29	31	.	..	2	62	3		6	1	3	4	7			..	17	1	89			18	6,797	377 6	21	4,089	194 7
3	,, Bundhuji Janardhan .	Extra Asst Comr.	178	103	100	1		9	451	84	6	14	2	17	11	25	7	2	1	86	33	209	92	71	122	36,553	299 6	87	16,461	189 2
4	,, Ajoodhia Persad											4	1	6	7	11	1	.	...	21	15	66		.	36	10,961	304 5	30	5,098	169 6
5	,, Ajoodhia Persad	Do .	68	40	* 386		1	11	521	349	3	25	1	15	9	9	1	1		69	39	172		.	109	40,628	372 7	63	12,280	194 6
6	,, Simpson .	Asst Comr ...	2			1		3	6	1			..			4					5		...	1	177	177	4	629	157 2
7	,, Mandatt	Do, ..			†100			1	101		1	13	..	3	3	4	6			21	11	62	39	30	32	3,744	117·2	30	3,781	126·
8	,, Horsbrugh ..	Do ..						..		..	.		..																	
9	,, Eduljı Sanjana ..	Extra Asst Comr.		37				3	40			5	2	4	8	1		.		2	1	23			3	172	57 3	20	747	37 3
10	,, Mubarak Ali .			10				1	11		..	1	3	1	3	1				7	1	17	11	1	8	563	70·3	9	542	60·2
11	,, Do ...	Do	55	511	1	1	2	39	609	171	4	43	7	37	127	12	9			95	41	375		...	130	12,905	94	230	11,449	47 9
12	,, Simpson	Asst Comr		163	128	.		9	300		...	20	2	16	38	28	5	..		24	11	144			35	2,746	78 5	1,109	6,530	59 9
13	,, Ekanath Moreshwar	Offg Extra Asst Comr.		246	138	1		7	393		3	54		24	132	62	7	.		57	52	341	271	75	109	11,399	104 6	282	15,997	56·
14	,, O'Grady	Extra Asst. Comr. ..	319	598	447	4	3	64	1,435	508	..	15	2	7	9	1	.	...	...	30	22	86	...	...	52	14,713	282·9	34	4,687	137 8

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of miscellaneous cases in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in this year.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of.											Total of columns 10 to 20, *i. e.*, disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases in column 21.	
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 Act XIV of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Reviewed under Sections 99, 103, 108.			Without trial.			Without contest.				On Reference to arbitration.		With contest.						Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
									Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	De creed and confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. Under ordinary procedure	224	1,252	11	1	...	4	1,492	23	245	179	4	36	294	149	63	4	...	231	99	1,304	165	15	61,803	25·7
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	4	156	...	...	...	1	161	...	19	30	...	3	44	32	2	...	...	14	2	146	15	...	3,170	19·4
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges ..	133	575	...	1	...	10	719	5	73	155	2	15	66	188	23	...	...	56	58	636	78	13	35,891	52·3
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge ...	37	204	1	...	...	1	243	1	23	28	...	3	56	14	6	...	...	45	32	207	35	1	9,385	44·6
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District. Under ordinary procedure	52	471	21	...	...	1	545	...	126	55	2	9	30	115	4	...	...	109	35	495	49	19	39,595	69 6
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of District. Under ordinary procedure	134	702	6	...	...	9	851	10	87	105	8	13	133	86	21	1	...	112	93	659	182	42	42,170	65·7
Chief Courts of District. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	9	79	1	...	...	...	89	...	13	5	...	1	16	28	1	...	...	8	4	76	13	1	4,766	67·
Civil and Sessions Judge, H. A. D....	6	32	...	...	...	...	38	...	8	2	...	1	...	1	..	...	...	18	...	30	8	4	1,895	63·2
Judicial Commissioner, H. A. D. ...	39	40	...	...	...	...	79	...	40	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	19	14	76	3	1	5,645	62·5
Total ... 1892...	638	3,511	40	2	...	26	4,217	40	634	561	16	82	649	613	120	5	...	612	337	3,629	548	96	204,320	56 3
Total ... 1891...	468	2,964	184	2	5	27	3,650	184	402	428	5	56	521	484	96	...	...	557	279	2,828	638	166	169,193	59·8

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II-A—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing in detail further particulars and distribution of civil work in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

Number.	Courts.	For disposal.			Total.	Disposed of.																
		Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received otherwise as referred to in Provincial Judicial Statement No II, Parts I and II.		Total No. of suits dec.ded during the year exclusive of cases transferred to other Courts.	Percentag · of cases										Average durat ion		Number decided by European Judges.	Number decided by Native Judges.	Average number decided by officers of each class.	Remarks.
							Rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *exparte*.	Dismissed *exparte*.	By arbitration.	Contested and decided in favour of plaintiff.	Contested and decided in favour of defendant	Contested cases in favour of plaintiff to the number contested.	In contested cases.	In uncontested cases.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Akola	271	2,127	89	2,487	2,112	·4	4·3	1·1	15·8	32·9	12·5	·1	·9	23·2	7·8	74·9	135·6	48·2	42	2,070	528·	
2	Buldana	440	4,904	292	5,636	4,979	·2	2·4	·5	16·1	25·2	29 8	·2	·3	22·2	3 J	37·8	70·7	43·	1,714	3.265	1244·7	
3	Basim	191	2,531	245	2,967	2,789	·1	15·	3·4	15 6	25·9	19·7	·9	·3	14·1	5·	73·8	100·1	34·5	...	2,789	930·	
4	Amraoti	746	1,932	1,514	4,192	2,296	1·1	14·6	1·7	9·1	19·9	8·6	2 3	·2	27·6	14·9	65·	220·2	105·8	487	1,809	208·7	
5	Ellichpur	540	1,3)9	25	1,874	1,357	·5	6·1	2·3	14·5	27·1	4·1	·4	..	32·7	12·3	72·3	164·6	74·9	310	1,047	123·4	
6	Wun	136	607	87	830	614	·1	9·3	1·3	14·6	21·8	12·5	1·4	...	28·5	9·4	75·1	167·8	96·4	159	455	122·8	
	Total ... 1892...	2,324	13,410	2.252	17,986	14,147	·6	7·8	1·6	14·6	25·7	18·6	·7	·3	22·9	7·2	76·	143·1	67·1	2,712	11,435	643·2	
	Total ... 1891...	2,314	10,846	2,973	16.213	11,134	·7	9·1	2·2	14·2	25·6	16·2	1·4	·4	22·2	8·	73·6	141·2	270·9	1,856	10,178	371·1	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Akola ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Buldana...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Basim ...	152	1,127	35	1,314	1,180	·9	15 9	1·1	12 9	25·	27·8	·7	...	12·	3·7	76·2	57·4	52·9	...	1,180	1,180·	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Amraoti ...	16	567	206	789	521	·4	16·5	1·3	12·5	32·	14·	3·	...	15·3	5·	75·5	43·	40·5	...	521	521·	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Ellichpur...	368	1,397	45	1,810	1,598	·3	7·1	·4	11·2	26·3	23·9	7·6	·4	19·3	3·5	84·9	105·1	106·6	1,598	..	799·	
	Civil Judge exercising Small Cause Court powers. Wun ...	57	1,648	40	1,745	1,500	·8	9·3	·3	13·7	29·1	26·1	·6	...	17·	3·1	84·7	52·4	48·4	...	1,500	375·	
	Total ... 1892..	593	4,739	326	5,658	4,799	·6	11·	·7	12·5	27·5	24·5	3·2	·1	16·3	3·6	82·	64·5	62·1	1,598	3.201	959·8	
	Total ... 1891...	309	4,781	863	5,959	4,910	·6	9·2	·9	13·4	31·7	17·8	·8	·6	20·	5·	87·9	95·4	49·	596	3,414	613·7	
	Small Cause Courts.																						
1	Akola	88	1.697	43	1,828	1,759	·5	8·4	·1	16·7	28·6	23·	·5	·2	16·5	4·5	78·6	55·2	42·8	...	1.759	1,759·	
2	Khamgaon	89	726	1	816	725	·1	1 7	·3	16·	31·2	25·5	·7	·4	22·5	1·8	92·7	105·1	62·	...	725	725	
3	Telhara	88	2,053	7	2,148	1,918	..	1·9	·6	18·9	32·6	26 9	·2	·1	15·5	3·3	82·6	81·	27·7	...	1,918	1,918	
4	Amraoti	528	2,345	46	2,919	2,634	·08	9 6	1·06	12·8	18·8	37·5	...	·1	14 96	4 2	78·2	142·	78·3	...	2,634	2,634·	
5	Badnera	376	1,238	88	1,702	1,667	·1	17·5	4	5·7	19·3	23·3	2·3	·6	17·	3·8	83·9	119·6	85·7	...	1,667	1,667·	
	Total ... 1892 .	1,169	8,059	185	9,413	8,703	·2	8·5	·8	15 7	25·	23·5	·6	·5	16·4	3·8	81·1	103·6	59·5	...	8,703	1540·6	
	Total ... 1891...	788	6,963	152	7,903	6,684	·6	7·7	·5	17·4	27·	26·3	·7	·1	16·2	3·5	82·3	65·1	40·3	125	6,559	1336·1	
	Grand Total... 1892	4,086	26,208	2,763	33,057	27,649	·4	8 6	1·2	14 6	25·8	22·74	1·1	·4	19·7	5·5	78·1	119·8	58·7	4,310	23,339	864·	
	Grand Total... 1891...	3,491	22,590	3,988	30,075	22,728	·7	8·7	1 4	15·	27·3	19·6	1·1	·3	20·	5·9	77·	114·7	51·4	2,577	20,151	528·3	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. III—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1892.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551	Dismissed for default, Secs. 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.		Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558,560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.				Aggregate No. of days the appeals were pending.	Average No. of days pending.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																									
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts.																									
Civil and Sessions Judge— Akola	120	148	...	...	1	3	272	...	23	12	1	...	...	...	39	8	22	10	115	157	101	38,021	330·6	...	
Civil and Sessions Judge— Amraoti	102	269	...	...	3	8	382	.	51	15	2	..	...	...	52	11	20	6	157	225	149	32,988	210·1	...	
Civil and Sessions Judge— Ellichpur	36	103	...	...	1	5	145	...	19	6	1	1	1	...	15	4	4	1	52	93	61	15,100	209·4	...	
Civil and Sessions Judge— Wun	...	25	16	...	...	...	41	...	1	1	..	...	...	..	...	...	1	1	4	37	24	627	156·7	...	
Buldana	11	106	...	1	7	2	127	...	20	7	1	3	...	2	27	8	14	16	98	29	8	8,019	81·8	...	
Basim	71	112	..	...	1	...	184	...	9	3	14	2	5	3	27	3	12	5	83	101	79	28,172	339·4	...	
Ellichpur	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	1	...	1	..	...	86	86·	...	
Wun	5	34	1	...	9	...	49	18	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	...	8	3	31	...	...	1,765	56·9	...	
Total ..	305	798	17	1	22	18	1,201	18	123	44	19	6	6	6	179	34	82	42	541	642	422	124,778	230·6	...	
Judicial Commissioner's Court.																									
Appeals from original decrees..	95	112	1	2	..	1	211	...	10	5	2	...	...	...	84	22	12	20	155	56	36	45,909	296·2	...	
„ from appellate decrees	169	106	6	1	...	.	282	...	40	12	14	2	...	...	122	7	13	32	242	40	18	60,926	251·5	...	
Total ..	264	218	7	3	...	1	493	...	50	17	16	2	...	...	206	29	25	52	397	96	54	106,835	269·2	...	
Grand Total .. 1892	609	1,016	24	4	22	19	1,694	18	173	61	35	8	6	6	385	63	107	94	938	738	476	231,613	245·3	...	
Grand Total .. 1891	506	1,028	30	4	16	25	1,609	30	123	52	27	...	6	7	400	86	138	125	964	609	429	184,238	192·7	...	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. III—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1892.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months	Average duration of appeals in column 20		Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other courts.	Reviews under Section 629, Act XIV of 1882.	Remanded under Section 562.	Restored to file under Sections 558, 560.					Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded under Section 562.	Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded under Section 562.				Aggregate No. of days the appeals were pending.	Average number of days pending.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																									
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts.																									
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Basim	9	8	...	...	...	1	18	...	8	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	1	...	16	2	1	5,115	319 7		
Wun	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	..	2	...	...	106	35.3	...	
Civil and Sessions Judge, H.A.D.																								...	
Akola	1	5	..	...	...	..	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	1	1	773	154·6	...	
Amraoti	7	17	...	...	...	..	24	...	7	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	2	3	16	8	1	2,691	168·2	...	
Ellichpur	2	4	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	1	1	859	171 8	...	
Wun	...	3	..	...	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	67	67·	...	
Total ...	19	40	...	...	...	2	61	...	20	1	...	2	7	1	2	1	8	4	46	13	4	9,611	208·9	..	
Judicial Commissioner's Court.																									
Appeals from original decrees.	104	189	2	...	...	1	296	...	120	9	11	...	3	5	76	2	19	16	261	3	8	42,459	162·6	...	
Appeals from appellate decrees.																									
Total. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Grand Total ... 1892...	128	229	2	...	...	3	357	...	140	10	11	2	10	6	78	3	27	20	307	50	12	52,070	169·6	...	
1891...	170	223	3	...	...	20	416	3	15	24	33	5	21	3	129	1	29	30	290	123	34	67,668	233·3	...	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. III-A—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided by the Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

Districts.	Total number disposed of.		Aggregate costs of appeals.			Average costs of appeals.			Percentage of costs to value.			Average value of appeals.	Remarks.
	Appeals.	Value.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES OF WHICH VALUE CAN BE FIXED.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.				Rs. a. p.	
Civil and Sessions Judge—Akola	105	11,831 5 4	1,410 1 0	692 5 6	2,102 6 6	13 6 10	6 9 6	20 0 4	11·9	5·9	17·8	118 5 0	5
Civil and Sessions Judge—Amraoti	134	15,236 11 2	1,775 12 0	773 12 1	2,549 8 1	13 4 0	5 12 5	19 0 5	11·5	5·2	16·7	119 0 7	6
Civil and Sessions Judge—Ellichpur	47	4,586 2 1	558 15 0	224 0 10	782 15 10	11 14 4	4 12 3	16 10 7	12·2	4·8	17·	106 10 6	4
Civil and Sessions Judge—Wun	3	692 0 0	10 13 0	22 3 9	33 0 9	3 9 8	7 6 7	11 0 3	1·6	3·4	5·	203 10 8	...
Buldana	91	7,320 2 3	953 2 0	383 9 4	1,336 11 4	10 7 7	4 3 5	14 11 0	13·	15·2	18·2	86 1 1	5
Basim	66	6,675 10 6	859 2 0	275 4 0	1,134 6 0	13 3 5	4 3 9	17 7 3	12·9	4·1	17·	102 11 3	1
Ellichpur	1	37 0 0	8 13 0	1 9 0	10 6 0	8 13 0	1 9 0	10 6 0	23·8	4·2	28·	37 0 0	...
Wun	17	3,400 9 0	288 11 0	147 15 0	436 10 0	16 15 8	8 11 3	25 10 11	8·4	4·4	12·8	212 8 0	1
Total ..	464	49,779 8 4	5,965 5 0	2,520 11 6	8,386 0 6	12 10 3	5 6 1	18 1 2	11·8	5·1	16·9	112 13 8	23
APPEALS OF WHICH VALUE CANNOT BE FIXED													
Civil and Sessions Judge—Akola	10	...	149 10 0	84 13 4	234 7 4	14 15 5	8 7 9	23 7 2	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Amraoti	23	...	324 1 0	117 13 4	441 14 4	14 1 5	5 2 0	19 3 5	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Ellichpur	5	...	94 0 0	44 6 9	138 6 9	18 12 9	8 14 2	27 10 11	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Wun	1	...	4 2 0	6 8 0	10 10 0	4 2 0	6 8 0	10 10 0	...	...	...	...	...
Buldana	7	...	95 2 0	43 15 0	139 1 0	13 9 5	6 4 5	19 13 10	...	...	...	...	1
Basim	17	...	284 15 0	140 6 0	425 5 0	16 12 2	8 4 1	25 0 3	...	...	...	...	
Ellichpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wun	14	...	157 4 0	71 8 3	228 12 3	11 3 8	5 1 9	16 5 5	...	...	...	...	2
Total ..	777	..	1,109 2 0	509 6 8	1,618 8 8	14 6 6	6 9 10	21 0 4	...	...	..	...	3
MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.*													
Civil and Sessions Judge—Akola	5	...	16 6 0	9 9 6	25 15 6	3 4 5	1 14 8	5 3 1	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Amraoti	16	...	39 7 0	24 12 0	64 3 0	2 7 5	1 8 9	4 0 2	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Ellichpur	5	...	17 5 0	1 14 6	19 3 6	3 7 5	0 6 1	3 13 6	...	...	...	...	...
Civil and Sessions Judge—Wun	1	...	4 6 0	2 3 0	6 9 0	4 6 0	2 3 0	6 9 0	...	...	...	...	...
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basim	16	...	24 14 0	8 8 0	33 6 0	1 8 10	0 8 6	2 1 4	...	...	...	...	...
Ellichpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wun	3	...	6 11 0	1 8 0	8 3 0	2 3 8	0 8 0	2 11 8	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	46	...	109 1 0	48 7 0	157 8 0	2 5 11	1 0 10	3 6 9	...	...	...	...	...
JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.													
Appeals from Original Decrees of which value can be fixed ..	149	1,60,212 8 10	10,823 0 8	8,680 10 5	19,503 11 1	72 10 2	58 4 2	130 14 4	6·7	5·4	12·1	1,128 4 10	7
Do. of which value cannot be fixed ...	6	...	136 8 0	106 4 2	242 12 2	22 12 0	17 11 4	40 7 4	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Appellate Decrees of which value can be fixed ..	229	30,751 10 9	3,438 0 2	2,162 3 6	5,600 3 8	15 4 4	9 7 1	24 11 5	11·3	7·	18·3	134 14 0	1
Do. do. of which value cannot be fixed ..	13	...	170 3 0	119 12 11	289 15 11	13 1 6	9 3 5	22 4 11	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Appeals	261	...	2,360 7 0	2,158 5 11	4,518 12 11	9 1 3	8 5 4	17 6 7	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	658	1,90,964 3 7	16,988 2 10	13,227 4 11	30,215 7 9	25 13 1	20 1 9	45 14 9	8·9	6·9	15·8	293 12 8	8
Grand Total ... (1892 ..	1,245	2,40,743 11 11	24,071 10 10	16,305 14 1	40,377 8 11	19 5 4	13 1 7	32 6 11	10·	6·8	16·8	285 11 11	34
Grand Total ... (1891 .	1,254	1,92,967 13 4	21,145 13 8	12,192 1 4	33,337 15 0	16 13 9	9 11 7	26 9 4	11·	6·3	17·3	255 4 0	31

* Includes appeals from orders under Section 588, Act XIV of 1882; appeals in miscellaneous cases, and those under Government Notification No. 112-J, dated 19th July 1878.

Supplemental statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.

Value of appeals.	No. of appeals disposed of.	Aggregate value of appeals.	Aggregate cost of appeals.	Average value of appeals.	Average cost of appeals.	Percentage of costs to value.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10	31	194 0 0	201 3 5	7 7 5	6 7 10	103·7	5
Do. 50	206	7,032 11 9	1,939 4 7	35 2 7	9 6 7	27·6	6
Do. 100	161	11,187 5 4	2,467 11 6	71 4 1	15 5 3	22·1	4
Do. 500	336	73,159 6 6	11,231 11 5	223 11 10	34 5 2	15·4	9
Do. 1,000	68	42,690 1 7	6,436 12 9	661 12 0	93 14 9	15·1	5
Exceeding 1,000	40	1,06,480 2 9	11,273 3 7	2,802 1 9	241 13 3	16·5	2
Total ..	842	2,40,743 11 11	33,549 15 3	285 11 11	39 13 6	13 9	31
Appeals of which value cannot be fixed.	96	.	2,151 4 9	...	32 6 7	...	3
Miscellaneous appeals	307	...	4,676 4 11	...	15 3 9	...	..
Grand Total ... 1892 ..	1,245	2,40,743 11 11	40,377 8 11	285 11 11	32 6 11	16·8	34
Grand Total ... 1891 ...	1,254	1,92,967 13 4	33,337 15 0	255 4 0	26 9 4	17·3	31

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IV—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on application ~~for the~~ execution of decrees in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

Class of Courts.	No. of applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.						No. of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Details of entries in column 9.						Amount realized		No. of applications											Remarks.
	Pending at the end of year.	Filed.		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of the year.		Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested under Section 336, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given			On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	
		The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court, under Section 223.	To the Collector, under Section 320																Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Was sold with under Sections 305, 322 or 326.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which specific performance was enforced	Of immoveable, Section 259.	Of immoveable, Sections 263 and 264.	On which partition was effected, Section 265.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																	
CIVIL COURTS.																			Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p													
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure.	2,091	7,452	956	2	10,491	272	261	2,669	5,187	8,389	2,102	670	1,623	1,046	1,914	755	2,639	30	94,661 12 6	2,089 0 7	27	33	346	216	483	3	263	3	1	277	18	696	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	374	2,466	60	...	2,900	65	...	558	1,626	2,249	651	135	358	200	335	223	547	11	15,473 8 0	282 12 0	8	11	125	102	...	..	...	...	1	...		188	
Small Cause Courts. — As Small Cause Court Judges.	802	6,556	194	5	7,557	1	...	1,456	5,390	6,849	708	54	738	720	481	977	1,435	23	32,610 13 11	2,068 8 0	33	74	229	161	...	...	...	..	2			542	
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	292	1,448	247	3	1,990	16	141	510	932	1,599	391	99	266	244	393	117	510	...	27,941 6 9	...	2	3	76	17	172	9	144	1	1	81	6	171	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure.	322	2,288	262	3	2,875	2	139	589	1,493	2,214	661	270	313	267	417	133	544	36	40,075 12 8	1,469 4 3	11	6	65	32	125	..	112	1	2	8	9	8	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	.	.	..	...	...		
Chief Court of District. — Under ordinary procedure.	945	2,207	202	11	3,465	1	176	886	1,777	2,855	610	219	418	468	630	256	870	16	73,204 7 2	3,740 15 5	1	10	113	20	219	1	38	1	5	79	6	344	
Chief Court of District. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	..	.		...	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	
Total ... 1892 ...	4,816	21,517	1,921	24	29,278	372	717	6,661	16,405	24,155	5,123	1,447	3,716	2,945	4,500	2,461	6,545	116	2,83,972 13 0	9,670 8 9	77	137	954	548	999	13	557	6	20	526	39	1,949	
Total ... 1891 ...	5,117	19,410	3,247	11	27,785	1,955	670	6,091	14,253	22,969	4,816	41,659	3,623	2,468	4,040	2,051	5,970	121	2,63,419 7 5	13,819 14 1	63	151	710	615	859	8	696	22	19	531	23	1,862	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VI—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the value and cost of original suits and miscellaneous cases (Judicial) decided in the several districts during the year* 1892.

No.	Districts.	Total number disposed of and value		Aggregate cost of suits and miscellaneous cases			Average cost of suits and miscellaneous cases			Percentage of costs to value of suits			Average value of suits.	Remarks.
		Suits	Value	Necessary	Voluntary	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary	Total.	Necessary	Voluntary.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ORIGINAL SUITS OF WHICH VALUE CAN BE FIXED.		Rs a. p.	Rs a. p.	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a. p	Rs. a p	Rs a. p.				Rs a. p.	
1	Akola	2,020	4,22,337 6 8	40,811 9 7	40,811 9 8	58,622 10 3	20 3 3	8 13 1	29 0 4	9 7	4 2	13 9	212 3 8	30
2	Buldana	4,925	4,72,253 2 7	51,719 5 0	19,281 0 2	71,000 5 2	10 8 0	3 4 8	14 6 8	11	4·	15·	97 5 7	74
3	Basim	2,032	5,92,850 9 2	54,987 2 0	20,927 7 0	75,914 9 0	27 1 0	10 4 9	37 5 9	9 3	3 6	12 9	314 5 11	143
4	Amraoti	2,731	3,09,119 6 9	32,803 10 0	9,772 5 0	42,575 15 0	12 0 2	3 9 3	15 9 5	10 6	3 2	13 8	113 4 1	117
5	Ellichpur	1,234	3,20,703 2 5	23 411 15 0	11,231 1 0	34,643 0 0	19 0 0	9 1 7	28 1 7	7 3	3 5	10 8	262 3 2	11
6	Wun ...	525	1,81,078 1 3	16,277 14 0	6,168 5 7	22,446 3 7	31 0 1	11 12 0	42 12 1	9	3 4	12 4	368 0 8	33
	Total .	13,467	22,98,319 12 10	2,20,011 7 7	85,191 3 5	3,05,202 11 0	16 5 5	6 5 3	22 10 8	9 6	3 7	13 3	175 5 11	408
	SUITS OF WHICH VALUE CANNOT BE FIXED.													
1	Akola	92	...	1,270 3 5	424 3 2	1,694 6 7	13 12 11	4 9 9	18 6 8	·	...		..	1
2	Buldana	54	...	849 1 0	220 14 0	1 069 15 0	15 11 7	4 1 5	19 13 0	·	·		..	4
3	Basim	58	.	912 1 0	268 0 0	1,180 1 0	15 11 7	4 9 11	20 5 6	·		...	...	9
4	Amraoti	264	..	4,571 3 0	1,176 10 7	5,747 13 7	17 5 0	4 7 3	21 12 3	·			..	20
5	Ellichpur ...	123	.	2 063 8 0	960 13 0	3,024 5 0	16 12 9	7 12 9	24 9 6	..			.	2
6	Wun	89	.	1,631 5 0	338 1 0	1,9 9 6 0	18 5 3	3 12 9	22 2 0				.	3
	Total .	680	.	11,297 5 5	3,388 9 9	14,685 15 2	16 9 11	4 15 9	21 9 7			..	.	39
	MISCELLANEOUS CASES													
1	Superior Court ...	106	..	1,077 9 0	218 1 5	1,295 10 5						·	...	...
2	Akola	425		1,469 12 7	1,820 14 9	3,290 11 4	3 7 4	4 4 7	7 11 11			·	..	·
3	Buldana ..	577		973 8 0	244 8 7	1,218 0 7	1 11 0	0 6 9	2 1 9	...	.	..	...	7
4	Basim . . .	477		960 2 0	209 14 6	1,190 1 0	2 0 11	0 7 0	2 7 11		..	...	.	
5	Amraoti	697		1,188 15 0	1,726 15 2	2,865 14 5	1 10 1	2 7 8	4 1 9		...	...	.	
6	Ellichpur .	250		678 5 0	134 12 0	813 1 0	2 11 2	0 8 0	3 3 2			·	.	·
7	Wun .	239		694 1 0	254 9 0	948 10 6	2 14 6	1 1 0	3 15 6					·
	Total	2,771		7,012 5 7	4,639 11 8	11,652 1 3	2 8 6	1 14 5	4 6 11		·		·	7
	SMALL CAUSE COURTS. *Original Cases*													
1	Akola .	1,759	1,40,310 14 3	16,336 12 6	4,533 10 3	20,870 6 9	9 4 7	2 9 3	11 13 10	11·6	3 2	14·8	81 10 9	41
2	Khamgaon .	725	90,4.5 15 11	10 492 · 2 6	384 4 0	10,866 6 6	14 7 4	0 8 6	14 15 10	11·6	4	12	124 14 7	1
3	Telhara	1,918	1, 4,400 4 7	15,993 2 0	5,413 9 0	21 406 11 0	8 5 5	2 13 2	11 2 7	11·9	4	15 9	70 5 3	7
4	amraoti	2,634	2,6 ,421 9 9	25,255 4 0	1,065 4 0	26,320 8 0	10 11 7	0 6 6	11 2 1	10·8	4	11 2	101 1 6	58
5	Badnera and Morsi	2,118	1,50,.98 4 5	17,143 2 0	818 14 1	18,291 0 1	7 15 7	0 6 2	8 5 9	11 6	·5	12 1	73 6 4	139
6	Wun . .	1,500	91,196 1 5	12,747 6 0	1,782 14 0	14,530 4 0	8 7 11	1 3 0	9 10 11	14	2·	15	62 4 3	37
7	Ellichpur ..	1,598	84,462 6 10	11,573 15 9	891 1 0	12,465 0 9	7 3 2	0 9 7	7 12 9	13 7	1 1	14 8	54 1 7	36
8	Basim	1,180	72,425 0 0	8,,80 6 0	2,369 15 0	10,750 5 0	7 1 7	2 0 2	9 1 9	4 6	3·2	14·8	63 3 2	34
	Total .	13,502	10,23,950 8 2	1,21,211 2 9	17,289 7 4	1,38,500 10 1	8 15 7	1 4 6	10 4 1	11 8	1 7	13 5	77 15 4	353
	MISCELLANEOUS CASES													
1	Akola ...	120	.	181 7 0	47 8 0	228 15 0	1 8 2	0 6 4	1 14 6	...	.	...	.	..
2	Khamgaon	16	.	18 11 0	2 0 0	20 11 0	1 2 8	0 2 0	1 4 8	..		...	...	
3	Telhara ..	51		204 6 0	61 6 0	265 12 0	4 0 1	1 3 3	5 3 4	·	...	..		·
4	Amraoti	208	..	441 5 0	24 1 0	465 6 0	2 1 11	0 1 10	2 3 9					·
5	Badnera and Morsi ...	241	·	346 1 0	9 11 0	355 12 0	1 6 11	0 0 8	1 7 7	...	.	.	..	...
6	Wun	85	.	127 2 0	11 11 0	138 13 0	1 7 11	0 2 2	1 10 1	..	..	...	...	..
7	Ellichpur .	76	.	70 6 0	12 8 0	82 14 0	0 14 4	0 3 2	1 1 6	..		..	...	.
8	Basim	61		138 6 0	67 5 0	205 11 0	2 4 3	1 1 8	3 5 11	·		...	..	...
	Total	858		1,527 12 0	226 2 0	1,763 14 0	1 12 8	0 4 5	2 1 1	...		...	...	
	Grand Total {1892	31,278	33,22,270 5 0	3,61,060 1 4	1,10,745 2 2	4,71,805 3 6	11 8 8	3 8 1	15 0 9	10·9	3·3	14·2	126 15 3	807
	{1891	25,556	25,16,013 4 0	2,88,058 14 0	87,096 8 6	3,75,154 12 6	11 4 0	3 6 6	14 10 10		3·5	14 9	100 14 0	570

Supplemental statement showing the value and costs of original suits decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.

Value of suits.	No. of suits disposed of.	Aggregate value of suits.	Aggregate cost of suits.	Average value of suits.	Average cost of suits.	Percentage of cost to value.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs a. p.	Refiled.
Not exceeding Rupees 10	1,610	11,995 9 6	4,803 15 11	7 9 0	2 15 8	40·	36
Do. 50	12,084	3,48,832 2 0	69,212 14 0	29 7 2	5 11 7	19·8	238
Do. 100	5,866	3,95,737 2 5	63,154 10 10	68 6 1	10 12 3	16·	162
Do. 500	6,310	12,09,320 8 10	1,65,225 9 6	199 10 6	26 13 1	13·6	253
Do. 1,000	712	4,37,313 0 2	55,570 5 5	654 10 7	78 0 9	12·7	44
Do. 5,000	361	5,95,740 11 8	62,661 1 4	1,778 5 3	173 9 2	10·5	26
Do. 10,000	20	1,42,743 9 5	13,383 9 5	7,930 3 2	679 2 10	9·4	2
Exceeding 10,000	6	1,80,587 9 0	9,691 2 8	30,097 14 10	1,615 3 1	5·1	...
Suits of which value cannot be fixed	680	...	14,685 15 2	...	29 9 6	...	39
Total ... 1892 ...	27,649	33,22,270 5 0	4,58,389 4 3	126 15 3	16 9 3	13·8	800
Total ... 1891 ...	22,728	25,16,013 4 4	3,66,225 6 2	117 6 7	16 1 10	14·6	568

NOTE.—Miscellaneous cases (Judicial) have been omitted from this statement.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII.—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing litigation regarding survey numbers in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

No.	Districts.	Suits relating to Survey Nos. included in column 20, Judicial Statement No. VII.					Suits to declare or establish right in Survey Nos. included in column 23, Judicial Statement No. VII.	Remarks.
		Suits to recover possession under sections 8 and 9 of the Specific Relief Act.	Other suits between parties claiming as proprietors.	Other suits between the proprietors of survey Nos and sub-tenants.	Suits not included in the foregoing columns.	Total number of suits.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Akola ...	7	86	46	162	301	133	
2	Buldana ...	24	5	197	51	277	6	
3	Basim ...	4	19	79	3	105	2	
4	Amraoti ..	27	201	28	120	376	263	
5	Ellichpur ...	5	23	24	109	161	26	
6	Wun ...	13	6	32	25	76	88	
	Total ... 1892	80	340	406	470	1,296	518	
	Total ... 1891	59	360	338	404	1,161	348	

PROVINCIAL.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VII.-A—CIVIL.—*Statement showing litigation regarding Wattandari suits in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

Description of wattans.	Wattandari suits included in columns.						
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Amraoti.	Ellichpur.	Wun.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Deshmukhs ...	4	...	1	1	...	...	6
Deshpandias ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Patels	3	1	3	6	3	2	18
Patwaris	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
Josis	3	...	1	1	...	...	5
Mullas and Kazis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mahars	3	3	2	2	1	...	11
Other wattandari suits not included above.	2	...	...	...	1	...	3
Grand Total... 1892...	15	4	7	11	6	3	46
Grand Total... 1891...	20	6	2	23	10	4	65

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. VIII—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the disposal of land or other immoveable property under sections 213 and 323 of the Code of Civil Procedure in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year 1892.*

Number.	Districts.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached.	Number of instances in which immoveable property was dealt with under section 321 of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector took steps under section 323 of the Code of Civil Procedure.					No. of instances in which the sales of land recommended.		No. of instances in which the sales actually took place.		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.				
				A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Selfacquired.	Ancestral.	Selfacquired.	Ancestral.	For 1 year and under.	For 3 years and under.	For 5 years and under.	For 10 years and under.	Above 10 and not exceeding 20 years.
1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Akola ...	193	153	..	...	45	22	86	14	31	14	31	...	10	6	5	1
2	Buldana ...	103	17	...	...	...	19	..	...	3	...	1	1	2	3	7	6
3	Basim ...	80	57	...	...	...	10	...	4	2	2	1	...	1	1	5	3
4	Amraoti ...	193	41	...	...	8	5	22	4	1	5	23	...	1	2	1	1
5	Ellichpur ...	129	172	...	...	21	28	77	3	23	6	15	3	6	12	7	...
6	Wun ..	75	20	...	...	7	13	...	8	20	5	2	1	3	2	6	1
	Total... 1892	773	460	...	...	81	97	185	33	80	32	53	5	23	26	31	12
	Total... 1891	919	503	...	...	110	130	202	35	57	45	69	9	29	26	33	33

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IX—(CIVIL).—*Statement showing the number of civil debtors imprisoned and released in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

No.	Courts.			Remained from last year.	Imprisoned during the year.	Total.	Released during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola			1	4	5	5	...	
2	Buldana			...	9	9	9	...	
3	Basim			...	9	9	8	1	
4	Amraoti			...	17	17	17	...	
5	Ellichpur			...	2	2	2	...	
6	Wun			..	..	...	...	...	
		Total	...	1	41	42	41	1	
	Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Courts powers.	Akola ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Buldana ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Basim ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Amraoti ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Ellichpur...	...	...	3	3	3	...	
		Wun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total	...	...	3	3	3	...	
	Small Cause Courts.	Akola ...	...	1	2	3	3	...	
		Khamgaon	...	...	8	8	8	...	
		Telhara ...	...	...	1	1	1	...	
		Amraoti...	..	...	2	2	1	1	
		Badnera...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Morsi ...	...	...	20	20	20	...	
		Total	...	1	33	34	33	1	
	Grand Total ...	1892	...	2	77	79	77	2	
		1891	...	5	63	68	66	2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. X—(CIVIL)—*Statement showing the amounts realized under different heads of the Courts Fees Act in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.*

No.	Courts.	Amount realized on account of Court fees. In labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Amount realized on account of process fees. In labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Grand total of columns 6 and 10.	Total cost of process service establishment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Akola	38,686 7 0	3,434 12 0	..	42,121 3 0	11,332 13 0	1,768 13 0	..	13,101 10 0	55,222 13 0	4,857 8 10
2	Buldana	44,110 10 0	1,885 15 0	..	45,996 9 0	13,758 10 0	1,132 12 0	..	14,891 6 0	60,887 15 0	9,177 4 8
3	Basim	26,012 6 0	1,414 3 0	...	27,426 9 0	7,507 0 0	507 14 0	..	8,014 14 6	35,441 7 0	7,143 15 11
4	Amraoti	46,264 6 0	2,666 4 0	..	48,930 10 0	13,685 14 0	1,524 2 0	..	15,210 0 0	64,140 10 0	11,578 7 9
5	Ellichpur ...	22,705 1 0	797 7 0	...	23,502 8 0	8,021 7 0	603 9 0	...	8,625 0 0	32,127 8 0	7,793 7 8
6	Wun	16,797 9 0	881 15 0	...	17,679 8 0	6,126 9 0	508 6 0	..	6,634 15 0	24,314 7 0	6,237 11 11
	Total ..	1,94,576 7 0	11,080 8 0		2,05,656 15 0	60,432 5 0	6,045 8 0	...	66,477 13 6	2,72,134 12 0	46,788 8 9
	Small Cause Courts.										
1	Akola	12,789 2 0	...	...	12,789 2 0	4,213 0 0	...	...	4,213 0 0	17,002 2 0	3,161 12 4
2	Khamgaon	8,295 1 0	..	...	8,295 1 0	1,838 13 0	..	...	1,838 13 0	10,133 14 0	2,836 8 6
3	Telhara	13,739 13 0	..	...	13,739 13 0	4,576 11 0	.	...	4,576 11 0	18,316 8 0	6,151 6 7
4	Amraoti	21,978 15 0	..	...	21,978 15 0	7,078 2 0	..	..	7,078 2 0	29,057 1 0	4,080 4 4
5	Budnera . ..	9,328 10 0	...	...	9,328 10 0	3,047 12 0	...	..	3,047 12 0	12,376 6 0	...
	Total ...	66,131 9 0			66,131 9 0	20,754 6 0			20,754 6 0	86,885 15 0	16,229 15 9
	Sub-Judges with Small Cause Court Powers.										
1	Akola	..	...	...	...	...	..		..		...
2	Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		...
3	Basim	5,267 7 0	...	...	5,267 7 0	1,660 4 0	...	..	1,660 4 0	6,927 11 0	...
4	Amraoti and Morsi ..	1,896 4 0	...	...	1,896 4 0	835 4 0	...	...	835 4 0	2,731 8 0	...
5	Ellichpur	9,197 4 0	81 3 0	...	9,278 7 0	2,875 14 0	44 0 0	...	2,919 14 0	12,198 5 0	...
6	Wun	10,031 6 0	13 1 0	...	10,044 7 0	3,236 4 0	9 0 0	...	3,245 4 0	13,289 11 0	...
	Total ...	26,392 5 0	94 4 0	...	26,486 9 0	8,607 10 0	53 0 0		8,660 10 0	35,147 3 0	..
1	Civil and Sessions Judge's Cour	7,236 4 0	81 8 0	..	7,317 12 0	320 9 0	.	...	320 9 0	7,638 5 0	.
2	Judicial Commissioner's Court.	10,316 8 0	207 8 0	...	10,524 0 0	312 13 0	...	...	312 13 0	10,836 13 0	...
	Total ...	17,552 12 0	289 0 0		17,841 12 0	633 6 0	...	..	633 6 0	18,475 2 0	...
	Grand Total ... 1892 ..	3,04,653 1 0	11,463 12 0	...	3,16,116 13 0	90,427 11 0	6,098 8 0	...	96,526 3 0	4,12,643 0 0	63,018 8 6
	Grand Total ... 1891 ...	2,46,460 12 0	10,962 1 0	...	2,57,422 13 0	78,021 0 0	5,941 1 0	...	83,962 1 0	3,41,384 14 0	62,565 8 0

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XI—(CIVIL.)—*Statement of processes issued and the amount realized and expended in the several Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1892.*

No.	District.	No. of processes issued.	Amount realized on account of processes.	Establishment.				Balance.	Average No. of processes served by each process server.	Average distance travelled by each process server.	Remarks
				Nazars, &c.	Process servers	Contingencies.	Total cost.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			
1	Akola	25,585	13,101 10 0	2,043 4 8	2,814 4 2	...	4,857 8 10	8,244 1 2	852·8	3413·2	
2	Buldana	46,038	14,891 6 0	3,586 3 3	5,591 1 5	...	9,177 4 8	5,714 1 4	687·1	2247·5	
3	Basim	25 841	8,014 14 6	2,994 15 5	4,154 0 6	..	7,148 15 4	865 14 7	784·	2677	
4	Amraoti	43,194	14,915 0 0	3,475 0 0	4,874 1 1	36 0 0	8,385 1 1	6,529 14 11	814·9	2265 2	
5	Ellichpur	25,703	8,625 0 0	2,924 4 2	4.869 3 6	..	7,793 7 8	831 8 4	730 3	1636·5	
6	Wun	25,350	6,634 15 0	2,574 7 5	3,668 4 6	...	6,237 11 11	397 3 1	545·1	4090 6	
	Total ...	191,711	66,182 13 6	17,598 21 1	25,965 15 2	36 0 0	43,600 2 1	22,582 11 5	710·	2623·5	
1	Sub-Judges exercising Small Cause Court powers ... Akola ...	...		.	..	...	...	..	..	...	
2	Buldana ..	..		...	...	..	..	.	...	..	
3	Basim ..	4,730	1,660 4 0	.	...	...		1,660 4 0	...		
4	Amraoti ..	.	835 4 0		..		...	835 4 0		.	
5	Ellchpur ..	12,273	2,919 14 0		...	...	.	2,919 14 0	...		
6	Wun ..		3,245 4 0	..	.	...	...	3,245 4 0	...		
	Total ..	17,003	8,660 10 0	..	.	...	..	8,660 10 0	...	...	
1	Small Cause Court ... Akola .	10,304	4,213 0 0	1,063 4 8	2,098 7 8	...	3,161 12 4	1,051 3 8	572·4	1950·8	
2	Khamgaon ...	6,665	1,838 13 0	1,372 8 0	1,464 0 6	...	2,836 8 6	997 11 6	555·4	1862·2	
3	Telhara ...	21,199	4.576 11 0	2,883 9 0	3,267 13 7	...	6.151 6 7	1,574 11 7	623 5	3,327	
4	Amraoti ...	15,911	7,078 2 0	1,692 3 9	2,388 0 7	...	4,080 4 4	2,997 13 8	660·	2,162	
5	Badnera ..	9,815	3,342 12 0	1,322 0 0	1,871 6 8	...	3,193 6 8	149 5 4	654·	2,307	
	Total ..	63,974	21,049 6 0	8,333 9 5	11,089 13 0	...	19,423 6 5	4,198 6 8	639 7	2385·9	
1	Civil and Sessions Judge's Court .	..	320 9 0	..	...	.	..	320 9 0	...	...	
2	Judicial Commissioner's Court ...		312 13 0	..	..	..	...	312 13 0	...	.	
	Total...	.	633 6 0	..	...	..	...	633 6 0	...	...	
	Grand Total ... 1892 ..	272,688	96,525 3 6	25,931 12 4	37,055 12 2	36 0 0	62,023 8 6	36,075 2 1	736·9	2559·3	
	1891 ..	250,713	83,962 1 0	26,177 15 3	36,351 8 9	36 0 0	62,565 8 0	26,284 11 8	646·3	2586·1	

Extract from the Proceedings of the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 2406, dated Hyderabad Residency, the 20th July 1893.

READ—

The Report on the administration of Civil Justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1892.

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Institution of suits.—The figures set out in table II in the body of the Judicial Commissioner's report show that the volume of work which came before the civil courts in 1892 was unusually large, and that it was expeditiously dealt with. The total number of cases for disposal was 31,155, an increase of 4,341 cases, equivalent to 16·1 per cent. compared with the total of 1891. Of the whole number of cases, the courts disposed of 27,649, or 88·7 per cent., or nearly 5,000 more cases than in the previous year. The number of cases disposed of actually exceeds the institutions of the year. There is not much to be gained by speculating as to the cause of the increase in the number of civil suits by which the year under report is distinguished. But the Resident observes that a comparison of the institution figures for 1892 with those of 1891 brings out the fact that there was a considerable lee way to be made up, for the total institutions of 1891 were 12·4 per cent. below the average of the preceding five years. It is also noticeable that in the year of report, as in the preceding year, the districts of Akola, Amraoti and Ellichpur show a decrease compared with the quinquennial average in the number of suits instituted, while the districts of Buldana and Basim show a continued advance. On the whole, however, the Resident sees no reason to doubt the correctness of the Judicial Commissioner's conclusion, that the rise in question can be accounted for by natural causes. The character of the litigation has also nothing special—the majority of the cases are for small values, and, as might be expected in a rural province, relate chiefly to small loans for agricultural purposes. Nearly 75 per cent. of the cases which came to a hearing were disposed of without a contest.

Paragraphs 5 to 11 of the report.

2. *Duration of cases.*—Considering that only 25 per cent. of the cases are fought out in the courts, and that on the whole the staff of officers employed in the province is a strong one, the public have a right to expect that those suits which are set down for hearing should be decided promptly. The report shows, however, that there is still plenty of room for improvement in this respect. And the Resident agrees with Mr. Bullock in thinking that the chief causes of the immense average duration which is shown to exist in some of the districts are a want of system and undue pliancy in the matter of postponements. The Amraoti list of arrears has been reduced considerably in the matter of numbers, and it is to be hoped that during the current year a large proportion of the heavy cases pending on the file of the Civil Judge will have been decided. There is no apparent reason why Amraoti should contrast with Akola so unfavourably in respect to duration both of contested and of uncontested cases.

Paragraphs 26 and 27 of the report.

3. *Small Cause Courts.*—The plan of establishing courts with small cause court powers up to the highest limit has been tried in Berar in five places, Amraoti, Akola, Khamgaon, Telhara and Badnera. The results so far appear to have been very satisfactory, for the courts disposed of a large number of cases and are popular with the public. The Resident quite agrees with the Judicial Commissioner that the extended powers ought not to be lightly given, but he thinks that our policy should aim at an increased employment of small cause courts provided trustworthy officers are available to place at their head. Their procedure

Paragraphs 46 to 48 of the report.

is very well suited to the habits and requirements of the people, whose legal disputes are mostly of a petty character, calling for prompt settlement and simple methods. It is certainly desirable that the judges of the courts at Amraoti, Akola and Telhara should be relieved as far as possible of criminal work.

4. *Appeals.*—The table in paragraph 59 of the report professes to deal with two years, but as a matter of fact it gives the results only of the year under report. The general impression which the facts recorded in the section of the report which deals with appellate jurisdiction leave on the Resident's mind is that, looking at the provincial average, the duration of appeals is too long, that the quality of the work in the court of the Civil and Sessions Judge is much better than that of the other district courts, that the Civil and Sessions Judge, taking all his duties into consideration, has rather more work than he can manage, and that the Judicial Commissioner, now that the arrears have been reduced, has a comparatively easy time so far as court work is concerned. The uncertain duration of the criminal sessions over which the Civil and Sessions Judge has to preside is a principal reason why his file of civil appeals is apt to fall into arrear. For the last two years the sessions work has been particularly heavy, and the remedy which the Resident thinks might be usefully applied is that an Additional Sessions Judge might be appointed *ad hoc* as occasion may require, so as to enable the Civil and Sessions Judge to devote a larger portion of his time exclusively to civil appellate business. On the question of what system should be adopted for disposing of the civil judicial business of the province, the Resident approves the plan of keeping one officer in each district primarily, and as far as possible exclusively, for civil judicial work. In the memoranda regulating the distribution of civil business drawn up in 1889 to meet the requirements of the Hyderabad Courts Law, the principle of this plan is distinctly laid down. The practical difficulty which has hitherto opposed itself, that the province has not had a sufficient number of qualified officers, has now almost disappeared. The Resident thinks that in the case of senior Extra Assistant Commissioners in particular it ought to be possible now to ensure their retention in the same stations and their employment mainly on civil judicial work.

Paragraphs 49 to 69 of the report.

5. *Inspection of cases.*—A good deal of useful work has been done by the Judicial Commissioner and by the Deputy Commissioners in supervising and inspecting the work of the lower courts. The courts which work at the head-quarters of districts should be regularly and fully inspected by the Judicial Commissioner, and those in outlying localities by the Deputy Commissioner concerned during the course of his annual tour. Every head-quarter station in Berar is either on the line of rail or connected with it by a metalled road and a mail tonga service. It is therefore very easy for the Judicial Commissioner to visit each of them in turn without absenting himself for any long period from his own station.

Paragraphs 70 to 74 of the report.

6. *Cantonment Courts in the Contingent stations.*—The work disposed of in the Contingent stations of Aurangabad, Jalna, Mominabad and Hingoli is dealt with for the first time. It does not call for any special observations.

Paragraphs 76 to87 of the report.

7. *Notice of Officers.*—The Resident has read with satisfaction the commendation which the Judicial Commissioner bestows upon the officers of the Commission in general for the manner in which they discharge their judicial duties, and he is much indebted to Mr. Bullock himself for a clear and intelligent report, and for the interest he shows in the due administration of the department of civil justice.

Paragraph 93 of the report.

(By order.)

O. V. BOSANQUET,

Secretary for Berar.